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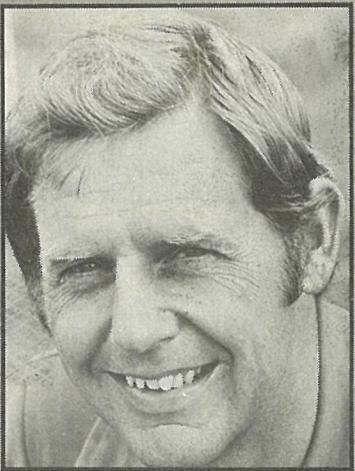
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Now the scene has changed — and how! Gordon Milne, the longest-serving Midlands manager after joining Coventry six years ago, has his finger on the Midlands pulse.

Milne, the former England and Liverpool star, experienced huge success on Merseyside and says: "In those days the Midlands was usually thought as an area to pass through on the way to games in London.

"That was about the strength of it then. It was also North against South, and although the Midlands sometimes popped up with a winner there were never enough to make you stop and think.

"That's not the case anymore. The Midlands as an area has a lot to offer. You can sit in a hotel in the centre of Birmingham on Saturday lunchtime and have a tremendous choice of matches within easy reach.

"More important those games will involve clubs playing some quality football. It's not just a hit and miss area. There is no flash in the pan. It's a safe bet the Midlands will again produce success this season and it's nice to be part of it."

It's no coincidence Brian Clough's Forest are already under



Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders with the 1977 League Cup.

MIDLANDS soccer is on the brink of a major breakthrough that has seen the pendulum of power swing away from the South — and leave the North with new rivals.

The credentials have usually been there in the shape of Championships for Nottingham Forest plus Derby in 1972, and again three years later, while Aston Villa have also tasted League Cup glory twice in the last four years.

But the consistency has been missing since the days of the 50's when Wolves almost frightened everyone to death with their roar while West Brom, Aston Villa and

For years the battle for power was waged between the North and the South. Now things have changed...

threat from nearer home than Liverpool and Everton.

Coventry and West Brom are proving entertaining and attacking soccer can also bring results while Villa are again menacing despite early season injury problems.

Villa manager Ron Saunders, who signalled his arrival with both promotion and League Cup double, has just signed a six-year contract.

It's provided Saunders with the security to get on with the job of turning Villa into one of the best clubs in the business. They already boast a ground worthy of any top club with a £1 million stand that is

same trick again at Forest hauling a tottering club up by its bootlaces.

Clough was not exaggerating when he recalled: "Forest were on their way to the Fourth Division. So much work had to be done it was almost unbelievable."

But that didn't stop the dynamic duo. They even rejected a bid by Derby to get them back to the Baseball Ground before putting pride in place at Forest with the title and League Cup.

Now they face even greater danger as Liverpool set out in pursuit of regaining the title but it's a fact there is no one else in sight down South.

Coventry, who hammered 75 League goals last season but just missed clinching a place in Europe,

THE MIDLANDS

a testimonial to their ambitions for success.

Now they have a squad that still needs strengthening but thought by many to be the best in the Midlands outside Forest's City Ground.

Saunders, a tough Liverpudlian, has come up the hard way with Yeovil, Oxford and Norwich. He turned down lucrative offers from Everton and Saudi Arabia to stay at Villa and says: "The massive potential at Villa Park has been evident.

"Competition in the Midlands has never been sharper for a good many years. There is no doubt we've got a good thing going for us in the area and I want Villa to come out top.

"The balance of power has certainly shifted up the M1 motorway from the South. Now we're looking towards the North as our big rivals and it looks like being a good scrap."

Clough and his partner Peter Taylor have done a fantastic job at Forest. Any soccer area with them around can count itself lucky... if results are anything to go by.

All their winning ways have been achieved in the Midlands starting with promotion at Derby followed by their sensational 1972 title. Yet Clough and Taylor did the



are again good value for money — and a credit to the partnership of Milne and Ron Wylie.

Milne knows all about football fanaticism stemming from family life — his father Jim was manager of Preston — plus, of course, his fine career with Liverpool.

He explains: "I've always been brought up in an area that talks, eats and dies for football. You

Villa's Allan Evans (above, third left) hammers in their first goal in the 4-1 League win at Tottenham this season. Three Forest players (below) combine to stop Arsenal.

(Right): West Brom (stripes) travelled to Q.P.R. in September and beat the London club 1-0.



can't accept anything else and yet although it's more obvious on Merseyside and in Manchester there is still this feeling in the Midlands.

"We have about 16,000 fanatics at Coventry who will watch us hail, rain or shine. They'll even turn up when you are playing badly as has happened over the last few years.

"Now these people are chuffed to bits because they are the ones who are being rewarded for their support. They can see our style of football is beginning to pay off in terms of results.

"And we're not the only ones. But this is the sort of platform with which we hope to build on at Highfield Road. It's an exciting time in the Midlands and the emphasis has definitely been

A happy West Brom manager Ron Atkinson.

wrestled away from the South."

West Brom's Ron Atkinson, like Milne another young go-ahead manager, knows all about the tremendous scope in the Midlands having been on Aston Villa's books as a kid.

As it turned out he led Oxford United's surge into the Second Division before moving to Southern League Kettering and then taking Cambridge United into the Third Division.

His apprenticeship finished, 39-year-old Atkinson couldn't resist the offer of a return to the Midlands last January to take charge at West Brom.

He set things moving right away



ARE ON THE MOVE!



by taking Albion to the place in the U.E.F.A. Cup plus the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and says: "The Midlands is an area that knows all about success.

"But now we've got a marvellous chance to get back to the glory days. The South have been pushed to the background while the North-East is a depressed soccer spot.

"That leaves the North — especially in terms of Merseyside and Manchester. It's very difficult seeing anything to break their grip but there is a lot of talent emerg-

ing in the Midlands.

"I sometimes think success goes in cycles. The Midlands hasn't had a lot to shout about for a long time.

"But it's happening now. It's ten years since a Midlands side last won the F.A. Cup — and that was Albion. That's something that has to be corrected as well as the rest of us following Brian Clough's example at Forest and aiming for the title."

Yet while Tommy Docherty reshapes Derby, playing the transfer market, the only First Division problem spots for the Midlands are Birmingham and Wolves.

Birmingham's 101-year history makes sorry reading when it comes to major honours, but manager Jim Smith faces his first full season at St. Andrews determined to get to grips with a massive repair job.

Smith, a no-nonsense straight-talking South Yorkshireman, says: "It's no use trying to kid ourselves or our supporters. There's a heck of a lot of work to do and it's also going to need patience from everyone concerned."

Wolves, who just escaped relegation last season, are struggling again for survival having already committed themselves to a £2 million face-lift at Molineux inside two years.

The value of First Division football has never been more acutely underlined as Wolves manager Sammy Chung battles to put things back into shape.

Milne says: "I feel for both Jim Smith and Sammy Chung. I know what they are going through having had the same sort of experiences at Coventry."

It's also to the Midlands credit that clubs like Forest and Coventry are taking a positive lead in trying to stop crowd hooliganism and foul-mouthed chanting.

Clough has threatened to shut the notorious Trent End in retaliation to obscene chants from Forest fans — and he will. If it comes to the crunch.

Coventry are also trying to solve the same problem. Either way it's obvious Midlands are getting results at last — on and off the field.



Tommy Docherty of Derby.



Birmingham's Jim Smith.



Sammy Chung is in charge at Wolves.





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'SAINTS can shock ENGLAND'S BEST' declares Alan Ball

ALAN Ball's return to the First Division with Southampton has made him feel like a youngster starting his career all over again.

Says Ball: "I can hardly wait for match days to come round. It's a tremendous feeling being back in the First. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings but when you go to places like Oldham and Blackburn in the middle of winter and there's 4,000 people there, it's not the easiest thing to motivate yourself.

"There's no way we could go back to that now we've got the taste of the Division One atmosphere again. We're too ambitious for that."

Ball, at 32, is one of the most experienced men in the Southampton camp and he's spent the best part of his career in the First Division. He hasn't noticed any great differences over the years.

"It hasn't changed much since I first played in it. It's still the best League in the world, one of the hardest to get results in and the hardest to win.

"Ivan Golac, our Yugoslav defender, is loving every minute of it and he says the English First Division is everything he thought it would be."

Although he still seems to be playing as well as ever, Ball is aware he only has about four playing years left and he wants to spend them at the top.

Southampton have never won the League title or even spent much of their time among the First Division elite. But England's former midfield star believes the present squad is good enough to shake up a few of the country's top squads.

"Sides like Liverpool, Everton and Forest are better than us in name only. On the day, I'm convinced we can beat any of them. The important thing for us is to work hard and really believe we can get the better of those sides.

"I would like to see us get a couple of players to give us a strong 16-man squad. But the manager is obviously trying, as he

showed by bidding for Colin Todd. He decided to join Everton in the end but it can't be bad when a club like ours is ready to pay out over £300,000 for a player.

"We've already got the basic ingredients of a good side, which are complete belief in each other and complete honesty with one another. We have no reason to fear anybody."

Ball had a tremendous influence on the side during their promotion from Division Two last season and he's still calling the tune in midfield.

He knows he can't run for ever these days, but he's adjusted his game to the best possible advantage of himself and his teammates. "I give a team a lot more balance these days, instead of charging around all over the place. I read the game better and put more thought into it."

He's also a mellow person these days. He's still not short of the odd forthright comment but he is, he says, fed up with fighting with



coaches and managers.

"I just want to have four or five years enjoying my football. And I think I can do that here. I've had little differences with Lawrie McMenemy but nothing really major. He's a tremendous person and such a warm man that I look forward to going in and working with him in the mornings."

Ball has ambitions to be a manager himself when he finally quits but for the next few years at least, he wants to concentrate all his energy towards the playing side.

He also doesn't plan to drop down a Division or two if he finds the First pace too tough. "I might go and play in America but I couldn't see myself in a Third or Fourth Division outfit."

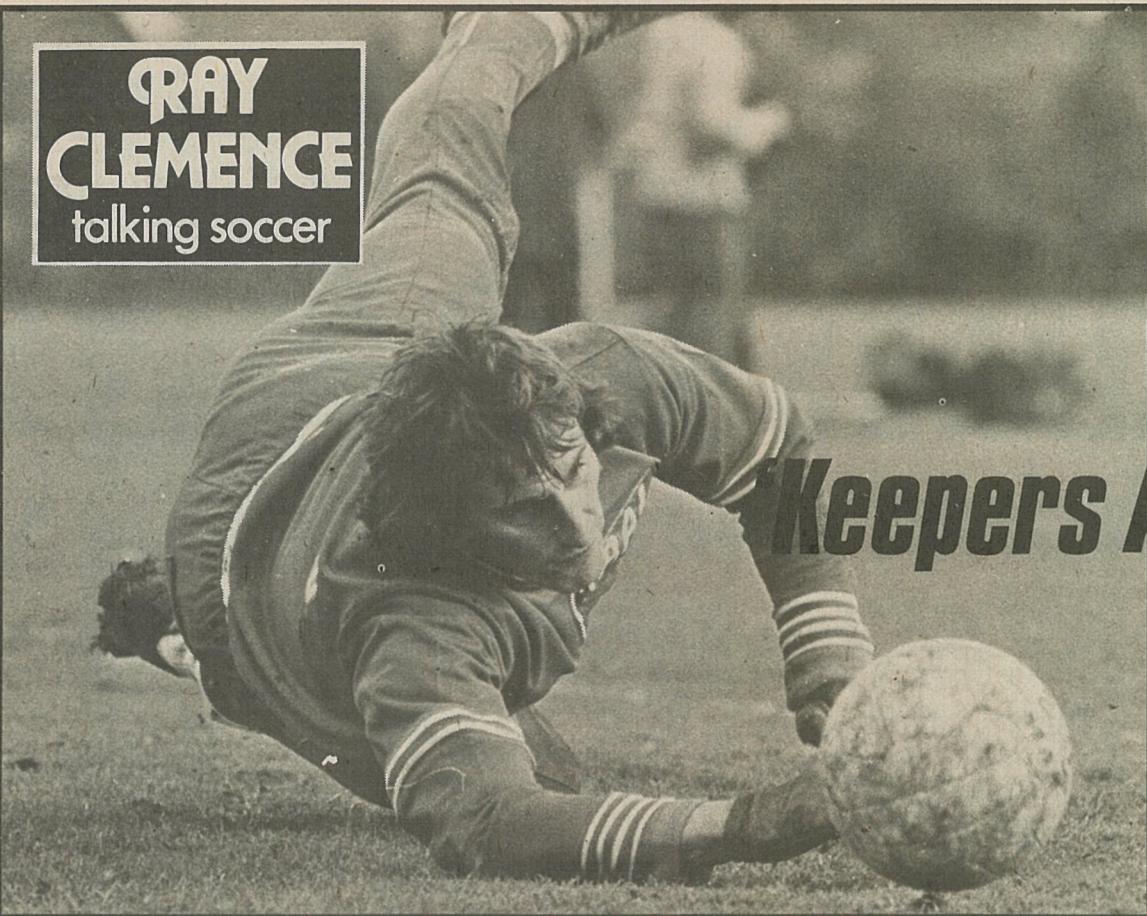
He'd like to go out of the game with one more major honour. He won the Championship with Everton in 1970 but he's only managed near-misses since. "I'd love to win the title again. If I could do it with Southampton, it would be fantastic."



Southampton's David Peach robs Brian Little of Aston Villa during a League clash this term.

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer



ABIG plus-factor for a goal-keeper is you've more chance of staying at the top for a greater length of time than players in the outfield positions. Signs are even the present prominent "number ones" will have longer careers than recently-retired ones.

I am now enjoying my 14th season in the professional game, my 12th with Liverpool, and with the little bit of luck everyone needs can look forward to another four or five years of top-class football.

After eight-and-a-half years in the first team, I have played more games than any other Liverpool 'keeper, including my illustrious predecessor Tommy Lawrence, since the last War.

According to a recent match programme, up to Saturday, September 9th, I had made almost 500 appearances. This is the breakdown of games: 37 in the F.A. Cup, including Finals; 39 in the League Cup, including last year's Final; 66 in European competition; and 346 in the League.

I'd conceded a goal every two games, an average I'm very proud of.

The main reason a 'keeper like me can expect to last longer in the game than players in other positions is simply due to the fact we're not called upon to do so much running.

The wear and tear on strikers, for instance, whose role demands continual sprinting and changes of direction at speed, means they are the first casualties. Even if they succeed in avoiding serious injury to impair their mobility, they lose sharpness and the capacity to perform over 90 minutes, at a comparatively early age.

Some strikers get a new lease of life by dropping back to midfield, where there are chances to grab an occasional "breather".

Midfielders, too, occasionally switch to the less-arduous back-four positions, but I suspect fewer of them are capable of making that transition.

Defenders, of course, have the longest careers amongst the outfielders.

The only running a 'keeper has to do is to be quick off his goal-line to make a clearance or gather the ball.

Seldom does a 'keeper have to give up the game through a serious injury. And when he does it's usually the result of harsh tackling or a freak occurrence. Chic Brodie, a 'keeper with Brentford, was forced to quit after a collision with a dog that had run on to the pitch during a game.

Generally we're free of the damage to cartilages, Achilles tendons, backs and muscles that plague our team-mates, and generally it's only loss of form that puts us on the sidelines.

Last season, though, an ankle injury did ruin my bid to complete another "ever-present" season, as I was rested for two games.

Managers generally are reluctant to change a 'keeper, as it invariably unsettles the entire defence. Defenders are happiest when they know exactly what to expect from the man behind them: whether he has a

'But for an eye injury, Gordon Banks could still be playing for England'

tendency to stay on his line, the sort of back-pass he prefers, what he wants attackers forced into doing.

For instance, most 'keepers demand that a fast winger, with a reputation for going to the by-line and sending over accurate crosses, be forced "inside" to make a shot at goal.

Even Don Revie, who continually altered the England team, only once fielding the same 11 in successive matches, tended to give 'keepers a run.

At international level, probably the longest-serving 'keepers are Dino Zoff of Italy and Sepp Maier of West Germany.

Zoff has held his position since the Mexico World Cup in 1970, at one period going eight or nine games without conceding a goal. Ironically, it came to an end in the 1974 World Cup Finals, when a player from the most unlikely team, Haiti, pierced the tight Italian defence and put the ball past him.

Zoff certainly wasn't to blame for Italy's failure to reach the Final in Argentina in July.

Sepp Maier is still going strong at 34 years of age. According to a recent SHOOT, he has played 439 games for Bayern Munich, for whom he has not missed a game in ten seasons, and already holds 89

Keepers Are Lasting

caps. Surely he's set fair to get the magic hundred.

He varies between the marvellous and the mundane. I've seen him let in fool's goals in televised Bundesliga games — goals a schoolboy would be ashamed of giving away.

Yet in important European club games, and those for his country, he has given World class displays, perhaps indicating his preference for the big occasion.

I recall one particular match — Bayern's Final against St.-Etienne in Glasgow in 1976, when he executed several exceptional saves to hold the fort against the superior French side. Bayern went on to win by the only goal, scored from a free-kick by Roth.

Sepp was largely responsible for Bayern completing their hat-trick of European Cups, a feat yet to be achieved by a British club.

He has the ability to concentrate — at least in important games — an essential in a 'keeper.

A greater performer, at all levels, was Gordon Banks, unfortunately prematurely forced out of the higher reaches of the game by the loss of an eye in a car accident in 1972.

Highspots for Gordon with

Gordon Banks comes out to punch the ball away during a 1970 World Cup match v. Rumania.



England were helping them win the World Cup at Wembley in 1966, and making that incredible save from Pele, the incomparable Brazilian, in the 1970 Mexico World Cup Finals game against Brazil.

But for that eye injury Gordon could still be playing for England, with yours truly waiting to make his debut.

Gordon was universally respected. His reputation would often cause an over-awed opponent to muffle a shot when in a fine scoring position.

An international side has far fewer games than a club side, and almost every one of them is impor-



'Joe Corrigan was voted "Player of the Year" by City fans'

played a starring role in Spurs' glory, glory days of the Sixties.

Pat continued in the tradition, helping Spurs stay in the headlines for something like nine years before moving "across the road" to North London rivals Arsenal.

Internationally, Pat has made his mark with Northern Ireland, and is now holder of their appearance record.

Q.P.R.'s Phil Parkes is now approaching his prime, when he'll be making more and more of the instinctive saves that are brought about through sheer experience.

Another favourite of mine is Jim Montgomery, who earned everlasting fame by making the two near-miraculous saves that contributed to Sunderland pulling off a shock win in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final over Leeds United.

A master of the reflex save is Jim. Probably beaten more times than most by shots from outside the penalty-area, he has counterbalanced that failing by making so many saves inside the six-yard box.

Now he's facing a serious challenge for the Birmingham jersey from Neil Freeman, a £60,000 buy from Southend.

Joe Corrigan has had his ups and downs at Manchester City — some "downs" self-inflicted by a weight

problem — but he's slimmed, is now such a great favourite with the fans they voted him last season's "Player of the Year", and is filling the England Under-21 jersey as one of the over-age players.

Now for a mention of Kevin Keelan, the man who inspired this column, who is maturing like the glass of wine he loves to drink after a match.

Kevin and I are great, longstanding friends. Even though he's 36, he still loves to discuss games in detail, believing that you're never too old to learn.

He has now gained the club appearances record for a 'keeper, with over 600 turn-outs in all competitions.

Kevin played in the United States during the close season, and proved so popular he was voted into a select team of all-stars by the fans there.

This Saturday, at Carrow Road, Kevin faces our Liverpool lads, and knowing him he's relishing pitting his skill against the highest-scorers in the First Division this season.

I hope he does well — but not too well. We'd like to come away with at least a point towards the total that will take the Championship trophy back to the setting where it looks best — the Anfield trophy room.

tant with something vital at stake, so it's natural for a manager who has the world's greatest 'keeper in his squad to play him every time.

Unfortunately, this rebounded on Sir Alf Ramsey, England's manager in Mexico, when Gordon went down with a stomach upset before the "crunch" Quarter-Final match with West Germany in Leon, and stand-in Peter Bonetti was drafted in.

Peter lacked the necessary experience, having played only seven international games in all, and he has been unfairly blamed for letting in the goals that gave the Germans a 3-2 win after extra-time.

The criticism affected his form for a time, but he fought back, regained his place and helped Chelsea to their Cup-Winners' Cup win in Athens in 1971.

His captain Ray Wilkins often sings Peter's praises, telling me what an inspiration he is to the Stamford Bridge club's basically young side.

Against Spurs at White Hart Lane, when Chelsea came away with a point in a 2-2 draw, Peter made a fantastic, one-handed save from the Argentinian, Ricardo Villa.

Another veteran is Pat Jennings, who came to Spurs from Watford, to replace Bill Brown, who had

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F.A. Cup Final postponed

Has an F.A. Cup Final, or a League Cup Final, at Wembley ever been postponed?

PAUL DAVIS,
MIDDLESEX

● Not if you mean at the last moment, like for a waterlogged pitch, Paul.

But for earlier weather conditions — and nothing to do with the day or Wembley itself — the 1963 F.A. Cup Final was put back three weeks.

It was scheduled for 4th May, but that was the winter of the "Big Freeze" — through continual postponements the Third Round, started on 5th January, couldn't even be completed until 11th March — and the season had to be extended.

So the Final — in which Manchester United beat Leicester 3-1 — was eventually played on 25th May, three weeks later than originally planned.

Hammers on top!

As a keen West Ham supporter, I'd like to know how many games they've played in the First Division?

LYNDON PARKER,
DERBYSHIRE

● 1,218 is the total, Lyndon — of which they've won 417; drawn 297; and lost 504.

That gives them a total of 1,131 points out of a possible 2,436 — while, in terms of goals, they've scored 1,942, and conceded 2,092. Sadly for popular Hammers, they won't be adding to any of those figures this season.

SHORT PASSES

● Watford's nickname nowadays is "The Hornets", but they are also still called by their older nickname of "The Brewers".

(BRENDAN SWEETMAN, Eire)

● Dutch World Cup star Robbie Rensenbrink was born on 3rd July, 1947.

(JOANNE SMALL, Rayleigh)

● Billy Wright played a club-record 491 League games for Wolves (1946 to 1959), and in 105 full internationals for England.

(NIGEL STEEL, Hove)

● Former Scottish international team-manager Ally MacLeod played in the Blackburn side beaten 3-0 by Wolves in the 1960 F.A. Cup Final.

(ROBERT MEDLAR, Leyton)

● West Bromwich Albion were founded in 1879; their first name was West Bromwich Strollers.

(PAUL DAVIS, Birmingham)

● Borussia Dortmund beat Liverpool 2-1 in the 1966 Cup-Winners' Cup Final at Hampden Park; Roger Hunt scoring Liverpool's consolation goal.

(ANDREW MARLEY, Rugby)

● Bradford City's first-ever League game was a 0-2 away defeat at Grimsby in Division Two on 1st September, 1903.

(PAUL WHITAKER, Bradford)

"Unfriendly" England

When was the last time England played France, and how many times have they met in full internationals?

FRED ORCHE,
RUNCORN

● Last time, Fred, was at Wembley in a friendly on 12th March, 1969. But England — with a Geoff Hurst hat-trick, and other goals from Francis Lee and Mike O'Grady — were "unfriendly" enough to win 5-0.

The first meeting was a 4-1 win for England in Paris in May, 1923 — and, all told, the two countries have played each other 18 times.

The tally is 13 wins for England, three to France, with two drawn.

● Spurs have played in five F.A. Cup Finals, and won them all; Arsenal have played in nine, winning four.

(LEIGHTON REES, Rhondda)

● Bayern Munich finished 12th (out of 18 clubs) in the West German Bundesliga last season.

(RONNIE BARCLAY,
Lanarkshire)

● Stoke have twice played "in Europe" — in the U.E.F.A. Cup in both 1972-73 and 1974-75.

(J. HEATH, Stoke)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

Everton lead Liverpool!

Is it true Everton have only been out of the First Division about half-a-dozen seasons?

M. J. CASSIDY,
LIVERPOOL

● Quite true. Only four, in fact, since they became one of the twelve founder-members of the Football League in 1888.

Those seasons were 1930-31; and the consecutive three of 1951-52, 1952-53, and 1953-54.

And not even those all-conquering Reds down the road can match Everton in this respect!

Four transferred players report on

LIFE AT

PHIL HOADLEY (NORWICH)

'FREE OF THE PRESSURE OF BEING CAPTAIN'

I suppose my entry into the First Division was unusual by most standards — but it was perfectly proper. I refused the terms Orient were offering and, thanks to the freedom of contract, was able to advertise my services. I telephoned John Bond, the Norwich manager, and said something like: "I want to play for you; what about buying me?"

John Bond is a straight man and he asked me to go for training. I did and they signed me. I've played in the First Division before — seven years ago with Crystal Palace — but I have enjoyed it much more this time. Norwich have a superb blend in their side through some fine young players like Kevin Reeves and the experience of others like Martin Peters and Martin Chivers.

I had played seven years at Orient and won nothing — but now I'm very keen to help Norwich to a trophy. I would love to win something in the game. I haven't really changed my game since I came here but I have found it easier in the Norwich side.

I think that is because I was skipper at Orient, with a lot of

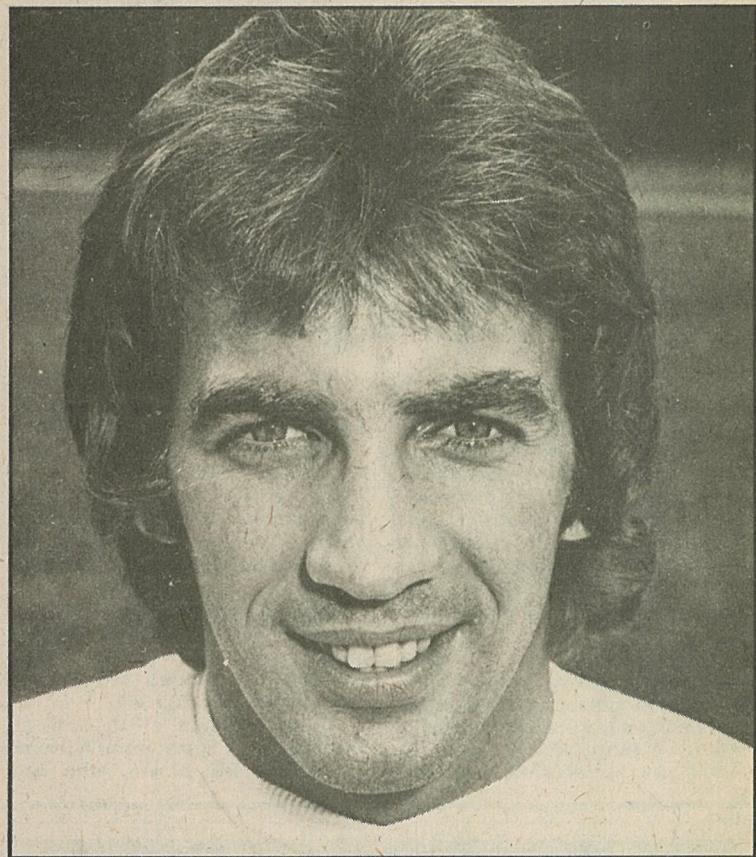
young lads all around me in the side, and felt the pressure especially during our great Cup run last season. But at Norwich, there are so many more experienced First Division class players around I've been able to concentrate on my own game without the cares of captaincy. That has helped me play better, I'm sure.

The hardest thing about the First Division I've found is they don't give the ball away so easily as in the lower Leagues. The football in the Second is stereo-typed but here, our manager is always impressing on us the need to go out and do our own thing, express ourselves fully.

I like playing for John Bond. He gives you praise when you deserve it, a rollicking when you deserve that. He is straight, doesn't con you. And this season, already, Bond has got some good results for Norwich.

I just want to be successful with Norwich — that's my main ambition. Of course, you want to play for your country but right now, I'm happy to be back in the First Division — and this time I want to stay here.

PHIL HOADLEY



ALAN WADDLE (SWANSEA)

'I NOW GET THE SERVICE I NEED'

FROM THE First to the Third in a very short space of time — that was my experience earlier this year. But as you might be able to guess judging from the way Swansea have done this season, I am delighted I made the move.

I left Liverpool to go to Leicester — but things never worked out there. I didn't see any future at Filbert Street when the club went down and I jumped at the chance to join Toshack at Swansea. I had a bad time at Leicester; no one was scoring and I wasn't playing well. So I thought a complete break and fresh start somewhere else would help.

I felt I was never used properly at Leicester. I played as a target man but without the right support for we never played with wingers. But things changed as soon as I went to Swansea.

I thought they had a good chance of coming up pretty soon so I wasn't worried too much about dropping into the Third. There are still some useful players around in this League; you can see that almost every week.

I thought things would be better at Swansea because John Toshack

knew about me from our days together at Liverpool. He knew how to use me, get the best out of me — and so it's proved. We have wingers playing out wide here at Swansea and I get just the sort of service I need.

At Vetch Field this season, we seem to have so many attacking players. And there are so many with experience now thanks to Tommy Smith, Ian Callaghan, John Toshack and I suppose, myself. We feel it's a great blend with which to try for promotion. Of course, I do look back at my times with Liverpool and wish things had worked out. But I was very disappointed when I had a marvellous season, scored nearly 30 goals in the reserves — but then never got a first team game under Bob Paisley. I was signed by Shankly and things never looked like working out once he'd retired.

Still, Swansea's success already this season is making up for those disappointments. If we can win promotion this time, it will be a great boost for the club. There are some fine players here now and I really am delighted I took the chance and came down here.

THEIR NEW CLUBS

RACHID HARKOUK (Q.P.R.)

'THE FIRST ISN'T EVERYTHING I EXPECTED'

IT MIGHT sound a bit big-headed, but I have to say my first impressions of the First Division are that it isn't everything I thought it would be. I don't believe all the players here are that good.

There are a lot of teams in the Division that would only do moderately in the Second. Of course, there are the super elite clubs like Liverpool, Leeds, Arsenal, Manchester City etc. who are special. But there are also some very average sides.

Despite that, though, I'm delighted to be playing in the First Division. I feel it will take me another half dozen games to really get the feel of the place but I'm very happy to have joined Rangers.

People might look at Palace and their fine start to the season. They might think I would have done better to have stayed with them — they were at the top after seven matches whereas Rangers had an indifferent start to the season.

But for me, that's ridiculous. This club has the feel of the First Division right through from man-

agement to apprentices. Second Division clubs simply don't have that same feeling. It's hard to describe but that is just the case ... you don't feel the First Division atmosphere when you are with a club in Division Two.

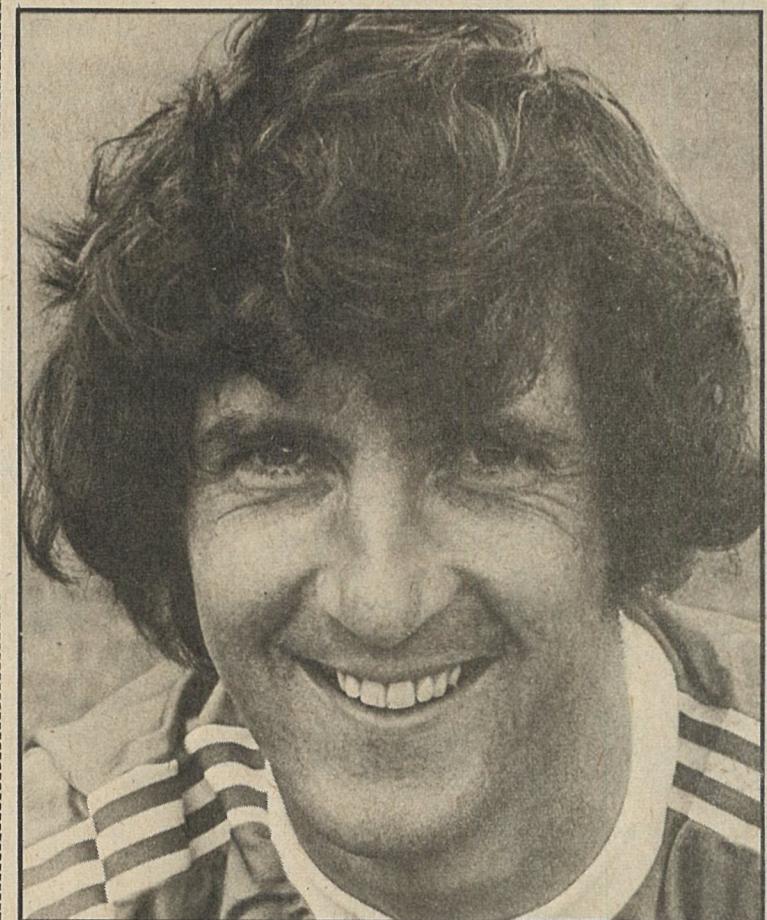
Rangers have the potential to do really well. It's a fine club and I'm really looking forward to developing a front line partnership with Stan Bowles. He's a great player and I feel he can help me improve tremendously.

Rangers have the potential to do well in Division One. If we put a few results together, we will start climbing the table, I'm sure of that.

"I'm more involved socially with these lads than I was with the crowd at Palace. That's better, I feel.

But it was a complete surprise when the move came up. It was all over and done in a few days but I'd never thought of leaving Palace. I was happy there and I say good luck to them this season.

I'm not worried about doing well here. I don't think I've got anything to prove.



DON GIVENS (BIRMINGHAM)

'SET-UP IS MUCH BETTER HERE'

THE set-up is there; the potential is vast. It's a First Division club in everything except results so far; it can be a top side whereas I don't believe Queens Park Rangers will ever be. Those, in a nutshell, are the differences between Birmingham and Rangers.

It's a big club at St. Andrews but Rangers, even when they were in Europe and going for the First Division title, weren't attracting any more than 20,000 fans. That's why it'll never be a really top club. In terms of set-up and atmosphere, Birmingham are one of the leading clubs in Division One. It just needs some good results to get the interest going again.

It's not a secret I was disillusioned at Rangers. I had some problems there and I don't want to go into that but I wanted to get away for the last 18 months. So I was delighted when I got the chance to join Birmingham. The basics are right at this club — in contrast to Rangers. The set-up is much better here.

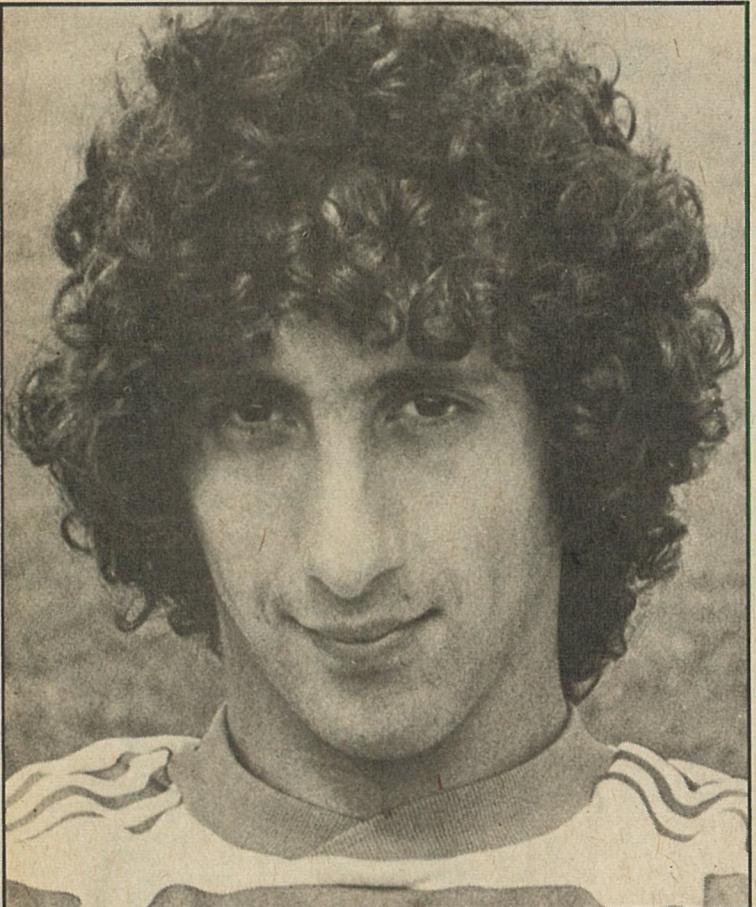
It might look like I have left one

struggling First Division club for another. But I am not worried about that, I'm convinced Birmingham won't stay near the bottom because they've some great players.

And the manager doesn't intend to let the club stay in trouble; his transfer talks with Argentinian Tarantini proved that much. Birmingham are thinking big all the time.

I wasn't happy with my form in the first few weeks of life with Birmingham. But I wasn't surprised. I was living in a hotel and it is always an unsettling period for any player that has been transferred. Once I get settled into a house in the Midlands — and that will be done very soon — I feel I will find some form to make Birmingham happy.

It's just what I needed. I'd been at Rangers quite a long time and the enthusiasm had gone. I needed a new challenge and that's just what I've got now. I'm really looking forward to helping Birmingham tap some of that vast potential.



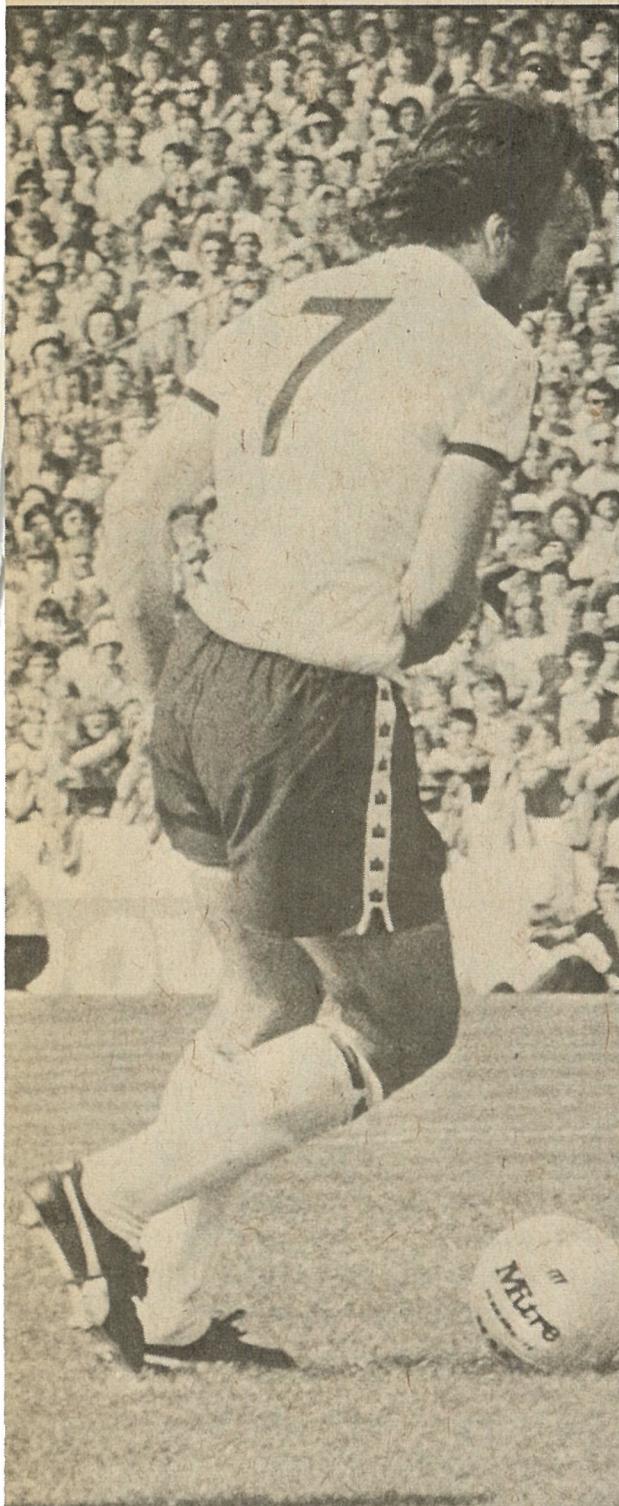


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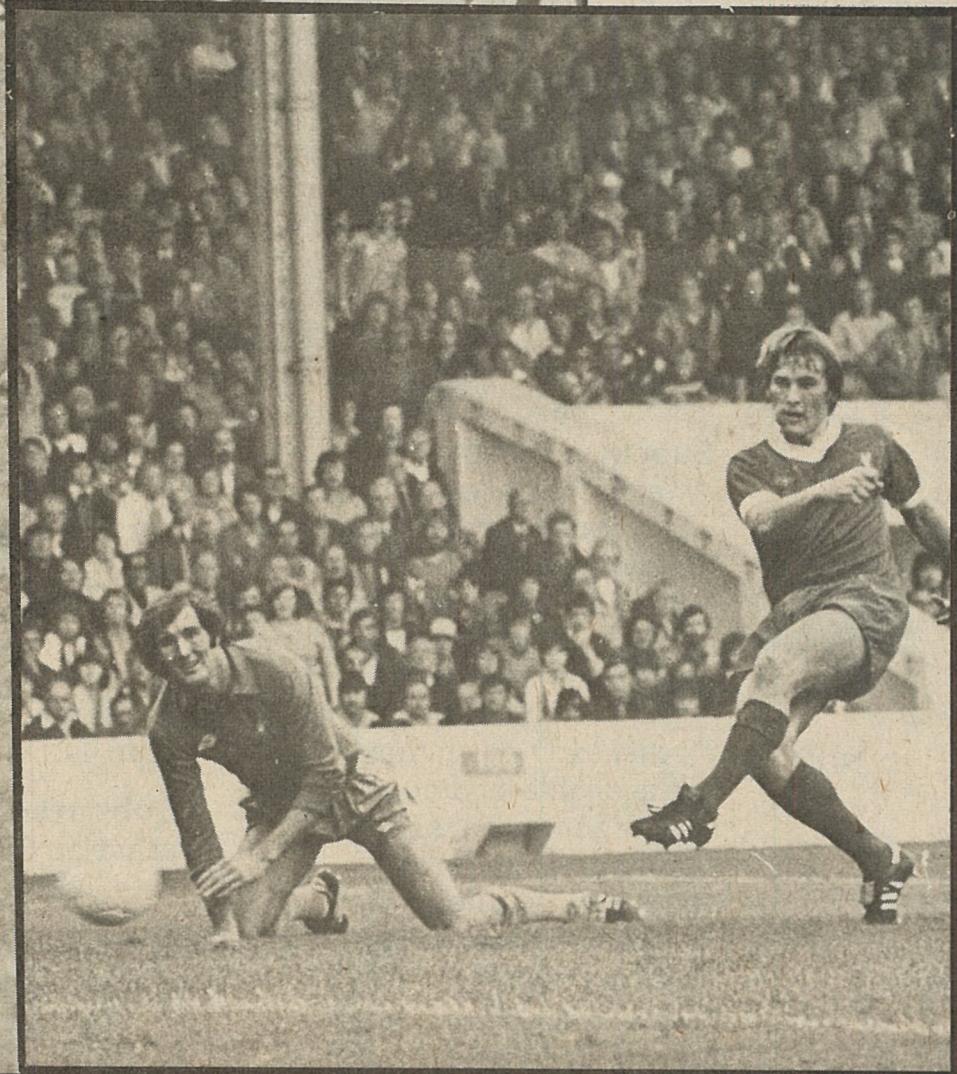
TOP OF PAGE . . . Derby's Gerry Daly latched on to a bad back pass from West Brom's Derek Statham and left 'keeper Tony Godden helpless. MAIN PICTURE . . . On his League debut Argentinian Ricardo Villa (number 7) hit a fine goal when he rounded Forest's Peter Shilton and scored for Spurs. RIGHT . . . Tottenham were on the receiving end of another solo goal when their defence was caught flat by the alert Ken Swain of Chelsea at White Hart Lane.



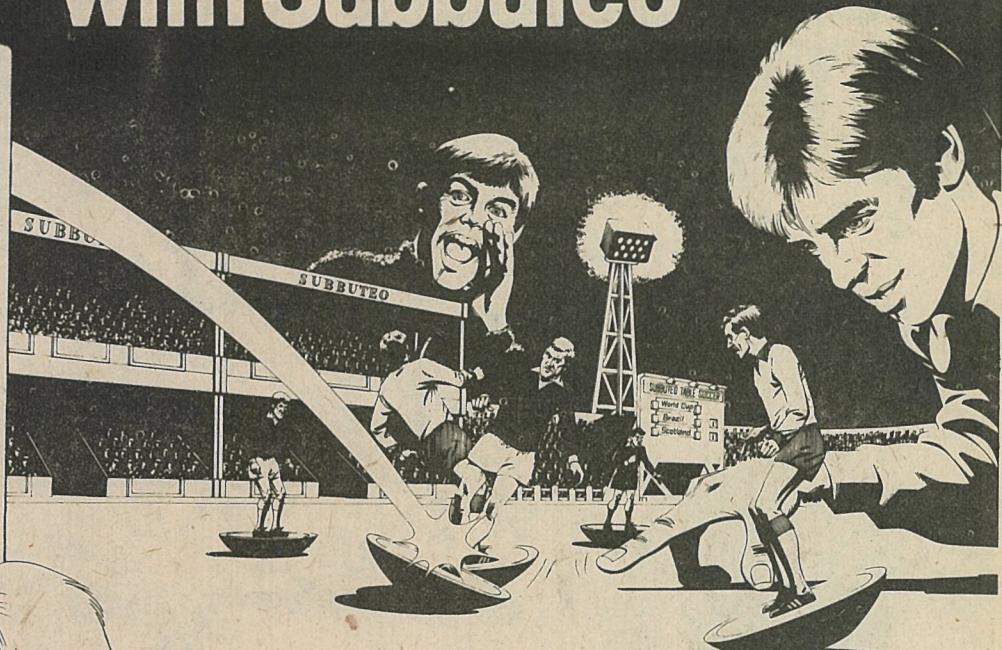


ABOVE . . . Bob Latchford, last term's First Division leading goalscorer, had to wait until September 23rd to score his first League goal of the 1978-79 season. Here we see him about to round Wolves 'keeper Paul Bradshaw and slot the ball home.

BELOW . . . Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish sidestepped Joe Corrigan in the Manchester City goal to notch one during their 4-1 victory at Maine Road.



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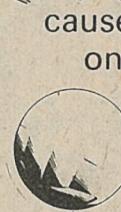
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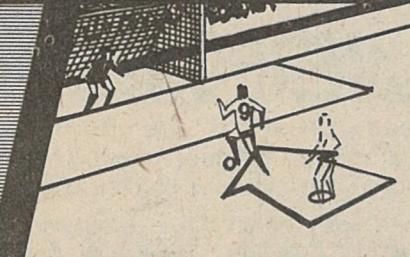


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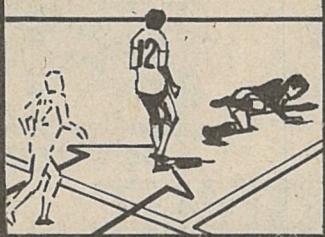
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1 If a defending player is ordered off the field, for kicking an opponent whilst within his own penalty-area, should you award a penalty?

2 A player taking a penalty, kicks the ball two yards forward and kicks it again without it being touched by another player. Should you . . . (a) make him take the penalty again or



3 A player enters the field by the halfway line without your permission and then strikes an opponent. Should you . . . (a) caution him for entering the field without permission or (b) send him off for striking an opponent?



4 A defending player tackles an opponent from behind on the line of the penalty-area, should you award ...
(a) a free-kick or (b) a penalty-kick?



5 If the ball is halfway over the touch-line should you award a throw in?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. Indirect free-kick (b) which should be taken from where the infringement took place. 3. Punish him with the most serious infingement (b). A penalty kick. 4. Award him when the most serious infingement (b). A penalty kick. 5. No. The whole of the ball MUST be over the line. 6. Wrong on the B.C., so did the then manager Freddie Goodwin — but fortunately I was an offence on the line. After the match there were protests, in fact they all thought I was wrong on the line. After the match there were protests, in fact they all thought I was wrong on the line. 7. Yes, 8. Indirect free-kick (b) which should be taken from a spot from the end line.

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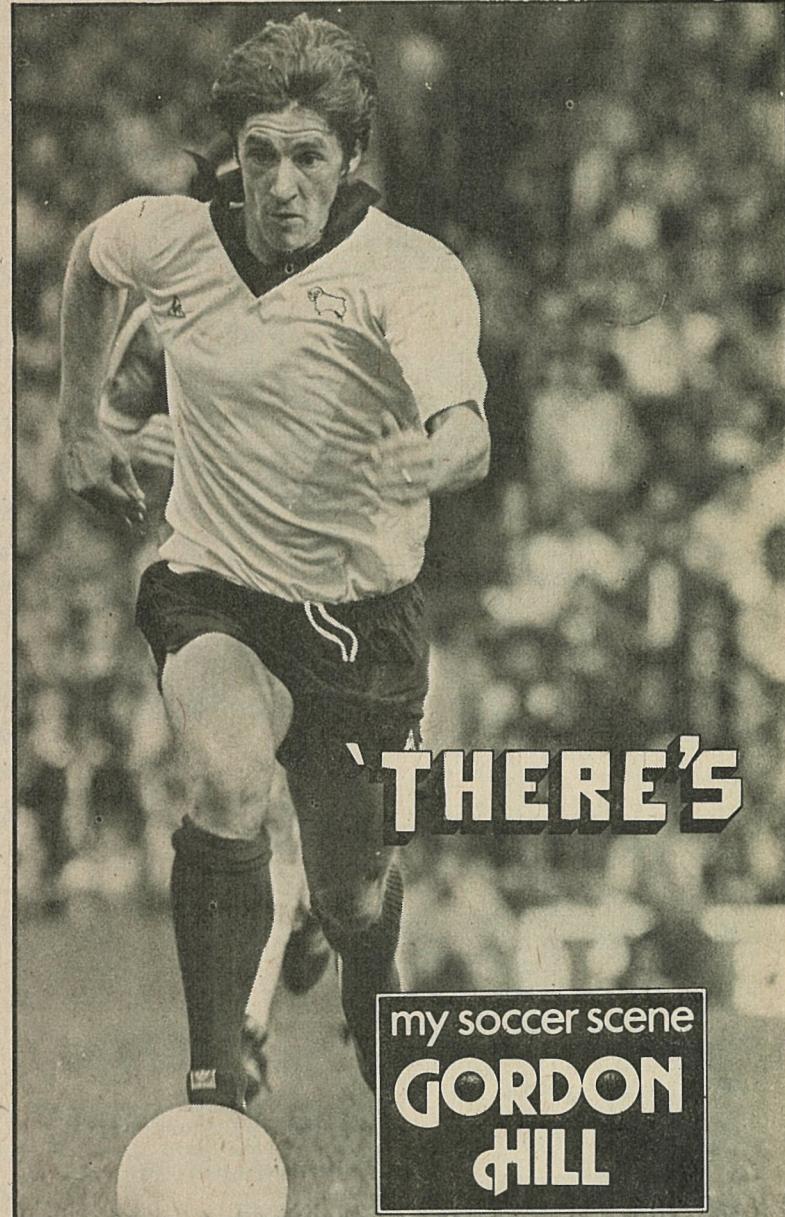
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my soccer scene
GORDON HILL

DERBY — disappointing, but certainly not despondent. That just about sums up my club's start to the season.

Two League wins in our first seven matches is hardly the sort of form we had hoped for. Very different from my forecast in a pre-season SHOOT.

As you can imagine no one at the Baseball Ground is feeling particularly pleased with themselves so far this term, especially manager Tommy Docherty.

In fact, The Doc is annoyed the team had no more to show for our efforts than a 1-0 League Cup victory at Leicester City, a 3-2 win against West Brom and a 2-1 victory v Southampton.

What's gone wrong for The Rams? To be honest, not much. We'll come good this season I'm sure of that. Don't judge us, or The Doc, on half-a-dozen results.

I know injuries are the oldest excuse in football for bad results, but in Derby's case it just happens to be true.

At some time or other we've lost Stevie Powell, Colin Todd (now at Everton), and skipper Roy McFarland.

Bruce Rioch was out of action

following his operation and I was carried off with torn ligaments at Filbert Street.

Few clubs can afford to lose practically half their first team without feeling adverse affects.

Then Charlie George was unjustly sent-off against Bolton for retaliation after being fouled.

Both he and Tommy Doc are still upset at referee John Hough's decision.

The gaffer immediately sprang to Charlie's defence after the game, which we lost 2-1.

"The ref should have gone off — not Charlie," said Tommy. "Derby fine players for getting into trouble on the field, but there will be no disciplinary action in this case."

"The ref told me Charlie had been sent-off for 'swinging' at his opponent. How can we encourage skill if players like him are continually being chopped down from behind?"

Charlie's dismissal hardly helped the side to settle down . . . nor did the transfer of Colin Todd and the talk of other first team players going. One reporter even asked me when I was leaving the Baseball Ground.

It's obvious Tommy Docherty is

trying to rebuild the team, in an effort to take Derby back to the top. During this period fans must be patient . . . wait until the Derby jigsaw is complete.

Apart from Colin Todd, The Doc has sold Terry Curran to Southampton and bought winger Steve Carter from Notts County, centre-back Aiden McCaffrey from Newcastle and paid a reported £90,000 to Glen-Tor for striker Billy Caskey and midfielder Vic Moreland.

I understand the two Irish lads, who played for Tulsa Roughnecks in the States during the Summer, could have gone to Sunderland, but chose Derby and The Doc instead. They made a wise decision.

I must also welcome striker John Duncan, a £150,000 transfer from Spurs a few weeks ago.

The Doc had wanted a man to play alongside Charlie George for a long while.

John should be a favourite at the Baseball Ground where he'll obviously take some of the pressure off Charlie.

I believe John, who joined Tottenham from Dundee in October,



Duncan McKenzie . . . a thoroughbred of a footballer.

NOT MUCH WRONG WITH THE "NEW" DERBY'

1974, scored 53 goals in 104 League appearances for the Londoners. Not a bad average is it?

John didn't take long getting his name on the Derby goalscorers list — hitting one on his debut to help us to our first League victory of the season — 3-2 at home to West Brom.

I expect there'll be one or two other changes at Derby before The Doc's finished, but I'm afraid I can't reveal what they are likely to be. That's Derby's business . . . not mine.

Despite the setbacks this season, our pattern of play hasn't changed. Derby still go out to attack and entertain by trying to find football and score goals.

I believe this is the right formula for success and it will eventually pay dividends for Derby County Football Club.

Apart from the injuries and reconstruction, The Rams have been a little unlucky at times this term.

Only an inspired performance by 'keeper Joe Corrigan saved Manchester City from defeat at the Baseball ground on the opening day of the season.

We should also have beaten Everton at Goodison a few days later, when we allowed a first half lead to slip away.

Our 1-1 draw at Birmingham was a good result, so was that League Cup win at Leicester.

No excuses about our home

defeat by Coventry. They thoroughly deserved their 2-0 victory.

The Sky Blues are the shock of the season for me, so far. I thought they'd do well, but not to have made such a dramatic impact on the First Division.

Like Derby they have suffered injuries . . . but unlike Derby they have shot to the top of the League and have been setting the pace with Liverpool and Everton.

Manchester United have also surprised me. I never thought they'd be leading Manchester City at this stage of the campaign.

As you know, there's nothing personal directed towards my old club and I would really like to see them achieve success. I mean that!

Liverpool's start hasn't surprised me, although their 7-0 thrashing of Spurs did. I don't believe Tottenham were that bad.

Liverpool are going like the clappers. At the other end of the table are Derby and Chelsea.

The Londoners are our opponents at the Baseball Ground this Saturday (October 7th). I am sure it won't be as one snide reporter described . . . "an early season relegation battle."

I was speaking to Chelsea's manager Ken Shellito during the summer and he said the team has the potential to do well and this season will be a big test.

Ken also told me he was after a top class player to bring experience and skill to his young side.

Well, he recently bought both when he paid Everton £165,000 for

the flamboyant, yet elegant and highly talented Duncan McKenzie.

Many critics reckon Duncan talks a good game, but that's unfair. I've always maintained footballers are no use unless they have supreme confidence in their own ability.

Duncan has plenty of that. Give him half-a-chance during a game and he'll soon prove it.

Gordon Lee, his manager at Everton, made no secret of the fact Duncan wasn't his type of player and if he wanted the services of a clown he'd go to a circus.

McKenzie is no clown, on or off the park. He's a very articulate and creative person. He's got talent and goalscoring ability as he proved by scoring over 30 goals for Nottingham Forest one season . . . before his move to Leeds.

Duncan is a thoroughbred . . . a rarity in football today. I hope he makes a success of his career at Stamford Bridge, although he won't get much chance to shine on Saturday.

I generally play well against Chelsea. Last season I scored a last-minute equaliser against them at the Bridge for United. I feel really confident of being on target for County against them again this time.

In fact so confident I reckon Derby are a home banker.

Join me again in two week's time when I'll be talking about my film for Focus on Soccer, the series that is currently running on ITV on Saturdays or Sundays.

Cheers all . . .



They're coming down . . . well almost. A lighthearted moment during Derby's home League match against Coventry. Here Jim Holton gets to grips with Roy MacFarland's shorts. It was no joke for Derby in the end. They lost 2-0.

DINNIS WAITS FOR A JOB

FORMER Newcastle United manager Richard Dinnis is itching to get back into the game. "I know people complain about the pressures of professional football but, believe me, I would welcome those any time to being on the outside. It is murder with nothing to do," he says.

After experience at Newcastle and in the States, Dinnis feels he is better equipped for a job on the Football League scene. Ideally, he would like a role as assistant-manager. The 37-year-old former physical education teacher has no driving ambition to be a boss again.

Dinnis says: "Dealing with players is my strong point. I enjoy working and coaching with them. I won the respect of established First Division stars at Newcastle. That was flattering."

Newcastle players thought so much of Dinnis they threatened a mass walkout if he did not get the job after Gordon Lee quit.

At his Blackburn home, Dinnis waits for the chance to prove he still has something to offer the game. Top players who have moved on from Newcastle — such as Alan Kennedy (Liverpool), Geoff Nulty (Everton) and Tommy Craig (Aston Villa) — will vouch for him.



ARSENAL TO LOSE 'THE BEST CENTRE-HALF IN BRITAIN'?

ARSENAL'S determination to sign a top Continental player is strengthened by the news they will lose their brilliant young centre-half David O'Leary (right) at the end of the season. The Eire star's contract ends then and O'Leary has made it clear he doesn't want to sign another one.

"I've been offered a new four year contract by the club, but I will not be signing," he says. "It is nothing to do with Arsenal. The club has

been great to me.

"The thing is I've wanted to play for a top Continental club for a while — just like teammate Liam Brady.

"My ambition is in Europe. That's where my future lies."

It will be a tragedy for Arsenal and their fans if the player manager Terry Neill rates as "the best centre-half in the country" does leave Highbury.

MARK Goodwin, the 18-year-old Leicester midfielder, was always a great Denis Law fan. But now he has another favourite player — his brother Robin, who is only 14, but looks very promising. Young Rob will be hoping to emulate Mark, who scored in his second League game for Leicester — away to Manchester United.

WYN Davies, the former Bolton, Newcastle, Manchester City and Manchester United striker, has joined Northern Premier League club Bangor City as a part-timer.

THE £120,000 fee Celtic paid Kilmarnock for winger Davie Provan is a record between Scottish clubs.



WHOSE bubble will burst first... the goalscoring variety, of course? Here rival striker Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool and Scotland (left) tests his lung power against Bob Latchford of Everton and England. Last season Bob hit 30 League goals to win the £10,000 prize offered by the Daily Express. Kenny scored 20 in the First Division.

KEITH Hanvey, the 26-year-old Huddersfield defender, has certainly done the rounds of the smaller clubs after looking set fair for the top flight in soccer.

Manchester-born Hanvey actually joined Manchester City as an amateur when he was only 16 and he became a professional at Maine Road three years later.

But he never got his chance at City and moved on to Swansea in July, 1972. He had spells at Rochdale and then Grimsby before moving on to Huddersfield for £14,000.

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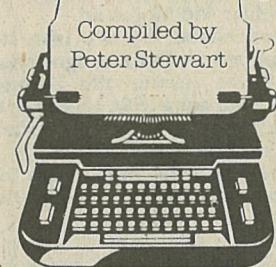
SUNDERLAND manager Jimmy Adamson, having failed to land ex-Glentoran pair Billy Caskey and Vic Moreland, now with Derby County, has turned his attention to 16-year-old Glens' striker Ronnie Carleton, who scored in his senior debut, in a 3-1 win v. Coleraine, early this term.

Having teamed-up with top-class Ulstermen like Jimmy McIlroy, Alex Elder and Willie Irvine in his lengthy playing career at Burnley, Roker supremo Adamson is only too well aware of the potential existing in Irish League football.

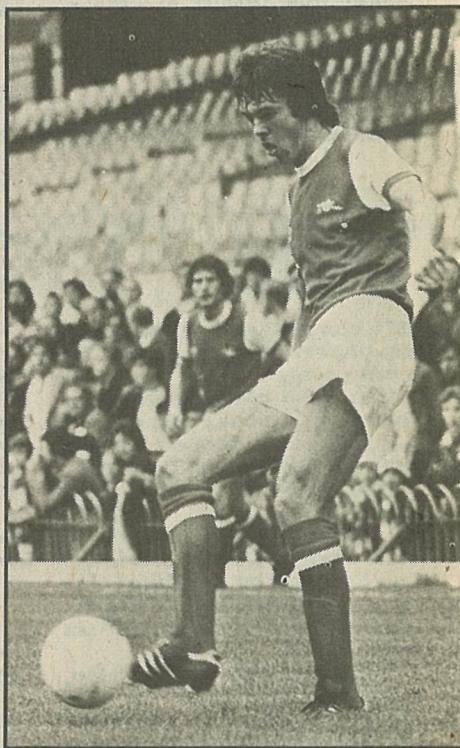
Adamson recently signed 18-year-old Bangor winger Colin Crawford for £20,000.

NEWS

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DESK



Albion's Bid

WEST BROM have bid £60,000 for a 16-year-old left-back with Scottish Second Division side Meadowbank Thistle. He's Gordon Fraser and obviously a very good prospect. Could Albion be ready to release their brilliant England Under-21 defender Derek Statham? If they are expect Manchester United to head the queue for his signature.

QUICK SPENDER... since taking over as Newcastle manager ten months ago, Bill McGarry has sold 14 players for fees totalling £1,350,000 and bought eight for £890,000. At least Mr McGarry is on the right side of Newcastle's bank manager. Here's a full list of the deals ...

OUT

Tommy Craig, Aston Villa (£250,000); Alan Gowling, Bolton (£120,000); Geoff Nulty, Everton (£60,000); Stewart Barrowclough, Birmingham (£175,000); Micky Burns, Cardiff (£70,000); Dennis Martin, Mansfield (£200,000); Graham Oates, America (£40,000); Ray Hudson, America (£40,000); Paul Cannell, America (£40,000); Alan Kennedy, Liverpool (£300,000); Ray Blackhall, Sheffield Wednesday (£20,000); Mike Larnach, Motherwell (£75,000); Ralph Callaghan, Hibs (£80,000); Aiden McCaffrey, Derby (£60,000).

IN

Mike Larnach, Clydebank (£100,000); Mark McGhee, Morton (£150,000); Terry Hibbitt, Birmingham (£100,000); John Connolly, Birmingham (£75,000); Jim Pearson, Everton (£75,000); Colin Suggett, Norwich (£60,000); John Brownlie, Hibs (£130,000); Peter Withe, Nottingham Forest (£200,000).

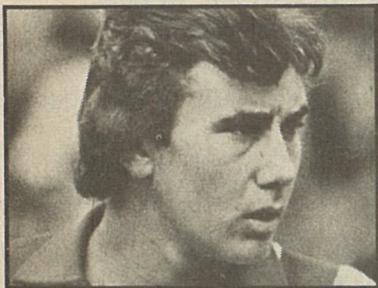


INTER-LEAGUE

THE League of Ireland has presented home players with plenty of incentive for the present season. Star players could win themselves trips to Italy, Switzerland and Malta for Inter-League games, if plans of League President, Donie O'Halloran come to fruition.

And a chance to play against superstars like Best, Beckenbauer, Tueart and others of the North American Soccer League is also in the pipeline. A representative game against the NASL is in the process of negotiation, to take place prior to the start of the American season.

*Pic shows the League of Ireland squad before leaving for Argentina prior to the World Cup Finals.



FACE OF FUTURE FAME

THIS is the studied face of a future England international, Sheffield Wednesday's centre-back Mark Smith, aged 18.

Who says so? His manager Jack Charlton, who knows a thing or two about knowing what it takes to play for England.

After a mere handful of matches for the first team, Big Jack said of Sheffield-born Smith: "This lad is magic, so much control, so much ability."

"He'll play for England if he develops as he goes on."

TOOLMAKER

MARTIN Sperrin, Luton Town's promising 21-year-old forward, has already made his mark in the engineering trade.

He is a qualified toolmaker and, in fact, did not turn pro with Luton until last year. This followed junior and Youth experience with West Ham and a spell with Athenian League club Edgware.

Mind you, Martin has been well grounded in the game — he is the son of Billy Sperrin, the former Brentford and Spurs player who later managed Hillingdon Borough.

FORMER Coventry and Leicester striker Brian Alderson has joined non-League Nuneaton Borough on loan until next Spring, when he returns to America and New England Tea Men.

SMART MOVE

KEVIN Smart, the 19-year-old defender who decided to join Football League newcomers Wigan Athletic after being given a free transfer by Plymouth, could just have easily joined Second Division Notts County.

He turned that chance down because he was attracted by the idea of starting with a brand new Football League side — even though it means playing in the Fourth Division.

Newcastle-born Smart, who had signed professional for Plymouth in October, 1976, played in 32 League games for the Third Division club last season.

MILLWALL wanted to sign full-back Peter Creamer but could not offer the former England schoolboy international the right terms for a move from the North-East. Now the former Middlesbrough, Doncaster and Hartlepool player is with non-League Gateshead.

Jim's Big Drop

FROM the big-time glamour of Wembley and Hampden with Northern Ireland to the deflating obscurity of Fourth Division soccer with Hartlepool, in a matter of weeks.

That was the early-season nosedive of Middlesbrough's Ballymoney-born international keeper Jim Platt (below), a 1978 Irish British Championship hero v. Scotland, England and Wales, respectively, but pushed into the Ayresome Park background after the arrival of £110,000 Scot Jim Stewart, from Kilmarnock.

The deal led to 26-year-old Platt, veteran of almost 250 League games with Boro, joining Hartlepool on loan at the start of this term, perhaps not an inspiring move for the ex-Ballymena United goalkeeper, but one which undoubtedly gave him a better chance of regular first team football.

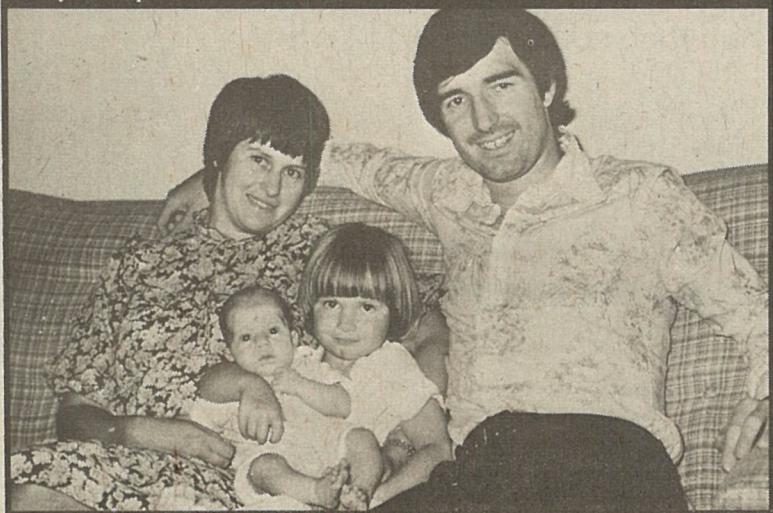


FORMER Darlington manager Ray Yeoman is now a North-East scout for Everton. In his playing days, Yeoman — "Yogi" to the fans — was noted as a tough-tackling wing half with Northampton, Middlesbrough and Darlington. Now he is a Teesside newsagent — and part-time Everton employee.

TIMELY ARRIVAL

IPSWICH Town's Mick Lambert at home with his wife Pat and daughter Sonia aged four and baby Christopher had an eventful period after Ipswich's memorable F.A. Cup victory at Wembley. The following week saw a bumper crowd welcome Mick for his testimonial game together with the F.A. Cup at Portman Road.

A few days after Mick and family set off to Canada where he was to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the North America Soccer League. The Canadian adventure turned sour when Mick picked up a hamstring injury which was obviously going to take some weeks to heal. So after just one game Mick was heading back home to England just in time for baby Christopher to arrive.



UNIQUE RECORD

EIRE League club Home Farm's new goalkeeper has a unique record. And his new club will be hoping that his luck continues. Former junior keeper Jim Finnerty (above) has won a trophy with every one of his previous clubs.

He won Leinster Junior Cup medals with both Boro' Utd and St Josephs, Sallynoggin and with his last club, he was on the team that scooped the Metropolitan Cup and the Gilligan Cup.

IF the Wolves team were doing as well as their London Supporters Club, they would top the First Division.

Founded in 1966, the "London Wolves" comprise more than 300 members, a large percentage of whom travel to home and away games by train — and when necessary — by coach. Trips from Euston to Molineux cost £3.50, a saving of more than 50 per cent off the usual fare.

Winners of the Home Counties Supporters Club Quiz League and already into a new Sunday League match-programme the WWLSC do their club and their team proud, a fact not lost on manager Sammy Chung who provided them with two full sets of playing strip for the "Sunday Wolves".

Anyone interested in joining a still-growing club should contact Steve Roe, 56 Godstone Road, Purley, Surrey.

Ambitious Hynd

NO ONE can accuse Motherwell manager Roger Hynd of adopting a casual approach to his job. Before the start of the season he paid out £75,000 to Newcastle for former Clydebank striker Mike Larnach and he also bought Clyde defender Jim Boyd for £20,000.

However, there is an astonishing list of players Hynd wanted... and didn't get! He had a £400,000 double bid for St. Mirren's Tony Fitzpatrick and Frank McGarvey turned down as well as another double bid for Rangers' Sandy Jardine and Kenny Watson.

He was also unsuccessful in bids for Celtic's Paul Wilson, St. Mirren's Iain Munro, Spurs' John Duncan and Partick Thistle's John Craig. And an interest in Anglo midfielder Gerry Gow, of Bristol City, faded when even Celtic were knocked back after making an enquiry. And recently he was unsuccessful with a £70,000 bid for Ayr United's Walker McCall and Gordon Cramond.

That's what I call an ambitious manager.

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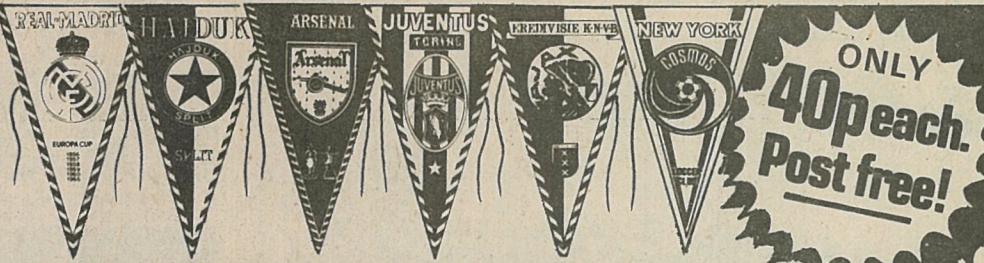
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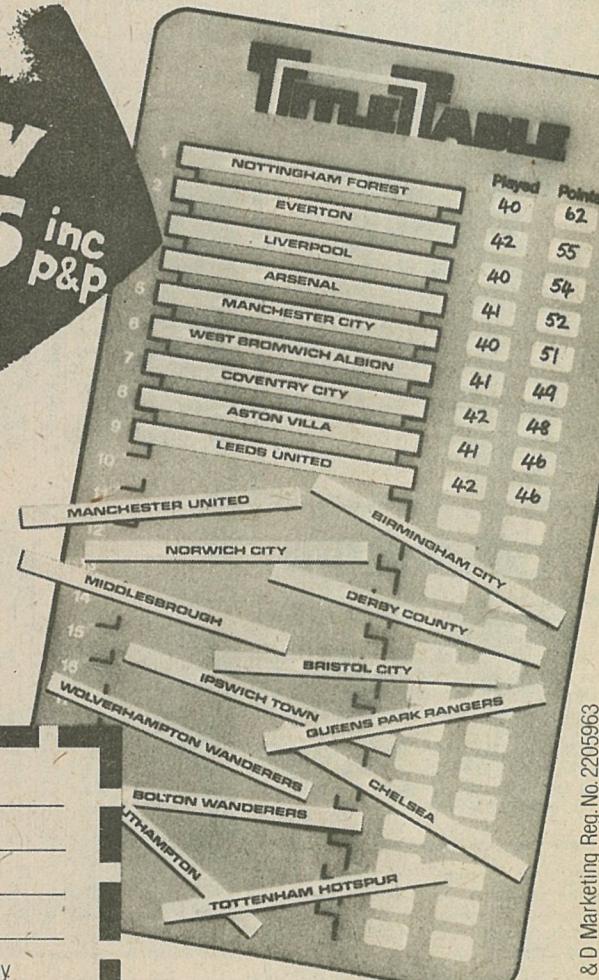
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Soccer in the States has kept KEVIN KEELAN fit for Norwich

KEVIN Keelan of Norwich City, 37-year-old goalkeeper, who made his 600th competitive appearance for the Carrow Road club last season, believes in keeping busy.

Fresh from a summer spell with the New England Tea Men, Kevin plunged straight into the 1978-79 term with Norwich. He swears that the non-stop activity has kept his reflexes razor-sharp and guaranteed him 100 per cent fitness.

"I've never felt better," says Keelan. "I have been in action for a year without a break, which means I've never been out of condition throughout that period.

"And my stint in America did more than keep me match-fit. It also convinced me that soccer over there has made the big breakthrough at all levels, starting in the schools, and I can see more players from this country making the trip over the Atlantic."

But while Kevin is optimistic about the progress of the game in the United States, he is devoting all his considerable skill at present into ensuring that Norwich make an impact in League and Cup competition this season.

Says Keelan: "We made a good start in the League Cup — and I would like us to finish in the top six in the First Division, and get into Europe for the first time. Not forgetting achieving what must be the thrill of a life-time, reaching Wembley in an F.A. Cup Final.

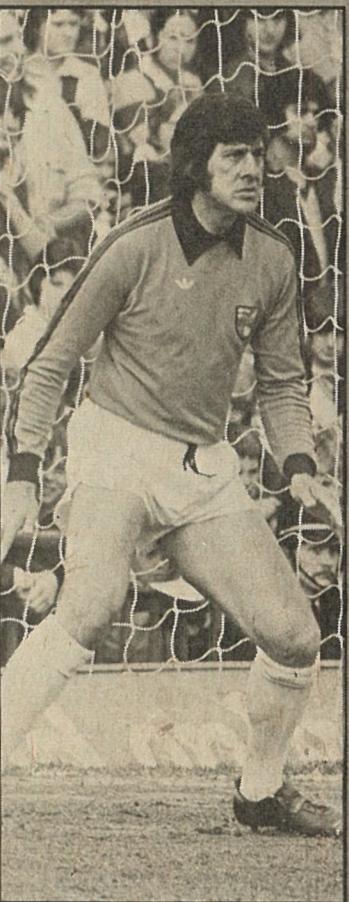
'In depth'

"This Norwich team is more than capable of doing well. Looking at it last season, and this, I believe it's the best since I began my career with the club, especially as it is also strong in depth."

Certainly, nobody is better qualified than Kevin Keelan to assess City's potential. He was with them when they twice won promotion from the Second Division, as well as making two appearances for Norwich in losing League Cup Finals at Wembley.

The promotion successes, and reaching Wembley, were highlights of Keelan's distinguished service with City, encompassing changes in the rules that gave goalkeepers the sort of protection they enjoy today.

"At one time, there were some rough men around," recalls Kevin. "A goalkeeper often finished up in



the back of the net, and lost concentration because he was keeping one eye on the forward who was moving in to thump him.

"Now, we have this protection from referees, and it makes the game much easier for goalkeepers."

But if goalkeepers have an easier time physically in 1978, they do have the problem of dealing with the modern soccer ball, which swerves and bends and generally behaves in a totally different fashion to the old-fashioned variety.

Says Keelan: "You have all the angles worked out and then somebody makes you look a fool by curving the ball past you. Take a player like Leighton James when he took a free-kick against us for Derby County — I picked the right-hand post, with a four-man defensive wall in front of me. But he swerved it round the wall inside the other post."

"In the 20 years I've been in the professional game, though, nobody has beaten me more completely than Tommy Craig, in his Newcastle days. He hit a shot from 25 yards with his left foot that went into the net like a rocket. When anything like that happens, there is nothing you can do about it."

Before he started out on the long career that has made him the most experienced goalkeeper in the First Division, Kevin was an admirer of former Wolves and England goalkeeper Bert Williams. And if Keelan could emulate Williams and play for his country, he would have realised his lifetime ambition.

"It might be a bit late now," reflects Kevin. "Yet to play for England is something I've wanted to do more than anything else."

TOMMY Docherty thought he was doing Paddy Roche a favour when he put him in the Manchester United first team soon after the start of the 1975-76 season and said he's to be the goalkeeper for the rest of the term.

It wasn't one of The Doc's better predictions. His boasting made a rod for the young Irishman's back and he was pulled out after a few games in favour of the more experienced Alex Stepney.

Roche has since fought his way back into the United side and this season, is making himself first choice over the ageing but still capable Stepney.

But he says: "It took me a long while to get over that. The manager's remarks put pressure on me and my mistakes were blown up out of all proportion. I needed to get out of the limelight for a while to sort myself out.

"Even so, I didn't do anywhere near as badly as people made out. It was only in the last game of the spell, when we got hammered at

tional 'keeper and his fight back from what could have been a career-shattering experience, has proved he has the character, too.

The one thing he would like to complete his happiness is a recall to the Eire squad. He's particularly disappointed about losing his place because it was through no fault of his own.

"I was in the team at the time of those early games in Division One and even after getting dropped by United, Eire kept faith with me. Then, when they called me up for a game just before the start of the World Cup qualifying rounds, Tommy Docherty wouldn't release me.

"I was trying to fight my way back into United's team at the time and he felt his need was greater than Eire's.

"Although it's disappointing not to be able to turn out for your country when they want you, I had no choice but to accept Tommy Docherty's decision. But Eire have never called me up since. Natur-

At last, PADDY ROCHE is proving he really is NUMBER ONE FOR UNITED

Arsenal I could really blame myself. By that time, my confidence had gone completely."

Roche is showing plenty of confidence this season, as he proved with a world class display at ironically enough Arsenal in the 1-1 draw last month.

"We're all disappointed with the start we've made but the way we look at it is if we can collect points when we're not playing well, we should really start moving up the table when we hit our real form.

"It's not easy to explain why we're not doing better. We may get five or six players on form in a match, but you really need eight or nine doing well if it's going to happen."

Roche played almost half the games last season — 19 to be precise — and he might have made more but for a groin strain that kept him out for a month.

He now reckons he's playing at his best and says: "I'd like to think of myself as the number one 'keeper at Old Trafford."

You'd think that he and Stepney, who have been fighting over the first team spot since 1975-76 season, the club's first back in Division One, would be the best of enemies. In fact, they're mates.

"We often room together when we're away on trips so you can tell there's no bad feeling between us. In fact, when we're together, we very rarely talk football."

Roche has proved he's an excep-

ally, I would love to get back into the side."

Roche will just continue to do a sound job for United in the meantime and hope they can turn their slow start into the foundation of a successful season. "We've got one of the strongest squads we've ever had so I don't see why we shouldn't win something."



Why HSV won't sell Keegan - yet

HEAR from Hamburg there is no chance of Kevin Keegan being released before the end of the season, despite his "let me go" plea. HSV — rightly — feel the England star must stay as thousands of fans bought season tickets on the strength of seeing their favourite player, Keegan, regularly, and the club would be cheating them if they sold him now.

Hamburger SV boss Günter Netzer added: "Perhaps we shall discuss Kevin's request at the end of the season, although there is still a year's option for both sides included in the contract."

Keegan fancies Spain, but I wonder if he's aware of the new ruling that will probably come into force next season.

Each Spanish club will be able to have just two players not eligible for the Spain national team — a significant difference to just two foreigners per team.

Spanish clubs have been busy off-loading foreigners (mainly from South America) who have already represented their countries. Those foreigners (uncapped) they wish to keep will be asked to become

naturalised Spaniards, that making themselves available for the national side.

Real Madrid, Kevin's favourites, have three capped overseas players at present: Stielike (West Germany), Jensen (Denmark) and Wolff (Argentina).

Stielike has been a tremendous success since moving there from Borussia Mönchengladbach and it's unthinkable Real would sell him. So unless Real believe the acquisition of Keegan is worth the release of Jensen and Wolff . . . then Kevin may be unlucky.

Barcelona, in turn, have Neeskens and Krankl — so if they want to sign Keegan, one must go.

Valencia have Kempes and Bonhof — and there's no way they're going to lose them!

Kevin now has a great following all over the world, and the SHOOT offices receive a regular flow of letters from fans requesting news of his fan club. It is now run by his younger brother, Michael, and anyone interested should write to him, at P.O. Box 43, Doncaster, S. Yorks, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

GERMANS CHANGE THEIR MIND

THE West German authorities have decided to end their ban on selecting foreign-based players for the national team.

New manager Jupp Derwall travelled to Spain to talk to Uli Stielike (Real Madrid) and Rainer Bonhof (Valencia) and it's almost certain both will play against Czechoslovakia on October 11th. Stielike has not been considered for West Germany since his transfer last year.

The Germans also want to work out a "European Solution" for the release of foreign players everywhere for internationals.



● Picture shows Derwall talking to Stielike (left) and Bonhof in Spain.

F.I.F.A. president Joao Havelange has given his support to an American Championship to be competed for by the South American countries' national team plus Mexico and the U.S.A. Eight teams would be in the Finals staged probably in Argentina to help them recoup the tremendous outlay on colour T.V. and shown throughout North and South America. It's a competition to equal the European Championship and scheduled to start in 1980.

A piece of unfortunate history for Karl-Heinz Handschuh of Eintracht Braunschweig; he was the first West German to be shown a red card this season and the 150th player sent-off since the Bundesliga started in 1963.

WORLD CUP ANALYSIS

THE 1978 World Cup may not have been one of the best ever, but it was certainly very interesting with its fair share of excitement, and controversy.

Colin Malam's "World Cup Argentina" book (Collins, £2.50p) takes an in-depth look at the competition.

Malam has some good points about the less savoury side of the tournament . . . Willie Johnston's dope scandal, Peru's six-goal defeat by Argentina, behind-the-scenes rows in the Brazil and Holland camps.

There are plenty of new pictures, many in colour, and a full statistical supplement of players, position-by-position.

England manager Ron Greenwood sums up the World Cup and gives his World XI. For those who like to have a record of major soccer events, Malam's book is certainly good value.

ALL CHANGE IN MOROCCO

MOROCCO qualified for the 1970 World Cup, but do not appear to have made much progress since then, and now a combined government and F.A. committee is trying to set the game on a new semi-professional footing.

The Minister for Youth and Sports, Abdehasid Kabiri, has proposed that as from next year, all the Div. 1 clubs should be supported by either a state owned enterprise or a private industry.

The 32 Div. 2 clubs are said to most favour the new order, as it would give them a chance of a place in the 16-club First Division.



WORLD WIDE

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NEWS FLASHES

Wales star Nick Deacy, transferred from PSV of Eindhoven, has started well with his new club, FC Beringen of Belgium.

The joint-bottom clubs in Austria after five matches were Austria Vienne and Wacker Innsbruck . . . last season's Champions and Cup winners!

The Yugoslav F.A., with each region having a vote, have finally agreed on a new national coach after six months discussion. The new boss is Branko Lustica, a former player of Hajduk Split and manager of Olimpija Lubljana.

Red Star Belgrade's international winger, the most-capped Yugoslav of all time, Dragan Dzajic, retired during the summer. Red Star plan a benefit match for him during the autumn, probably against a European Selection.

The British "disease" of fan-fighting seems to have spread to Holland. Police on horseback had to break up rival fans during the AZ '67 versus Vitesse game and at the end of the match the visiting keeper was hit on the head by a stone. Thankfully, he wasn't seriously hurt. Vitesse won 2-0.



It's a fair bet no goalkeeper had a worse start to the season than Matthieu Kohl of Laura 5 in Holland. He was beaten no less than 28 times by Waubachse Boys 4. Reports, however, said without Kohl, Laura 5 would have lost 40-0!

SOME RANSOM!

PLAYERS of Brazilian club Botafogo decided to hold their club to ransom on their recent European tour. When they were already in the stadium in Milan, they demanded an extra bonus of £200 each . . . or else they wouldn't play.

When the team arrived back in Rio, all 19 players were fined 40 per cent of their wages and the four ringleaders had their contracts stopped for 15 days.

So much for player-power!

DANIEL PASSARELLA Captain of World Champions Argentina

'My Next Ambition...'

BORN IN Chacabuco, a suburb of Buenos Aires, 25-year-old Daniel Alberto Passarella was released by Boca Juniors and Independiente before joining River Plate. In 1975, he helped them to win the National Championship; in 1977 he starred as River took the local Metropolitano title. In June, 1978, Daniel Passarella captained Argentina to the World Cup. He owns a farm and two houses in his home town, a house and a flat in Buenos Aires, has two cars, a reported £25,000 in his personal account... and world fame. Here, he tells us about his ambitions for the future.

SHOOT: Daniel, it was good to see you and the other four River Plate World Cup stars playing against Sheffield United recently. Did you enjoy your tour of Europe?

PASSARELLA: We played eight games and lost just one, to Athletic Bilbao, but even the Spanish Press agreed we were unlucky, so it was a very successful tour.

SHOOT: Aren't you just a little tired, though?

PASSARELLA: I am indeed and I'm sure the other World Cup players are, too. Just four days after the Final we were back on club duty. To be honest, I could have done with a three-week break to get

over the emotion of winning the World Cup... to unwind.

SHOOT: You were back in League "action" very quickly; we read you were sent-off against arch rivals Boca Juniors...

PASSARELLA: That's true. This is what happened. Earlier in the game I was about to take a free-kick, but the Boca wall would not retreat the ten yards. I asked the referee to insist they did so... and was booked! I must mention it was a wet day and the pitch was very slippery. Later on, there was a 50-50 ball between myself and the Boca goalkeeper. Unfortunately, I could not stop myself and slid into him. For that I was shown the red card.

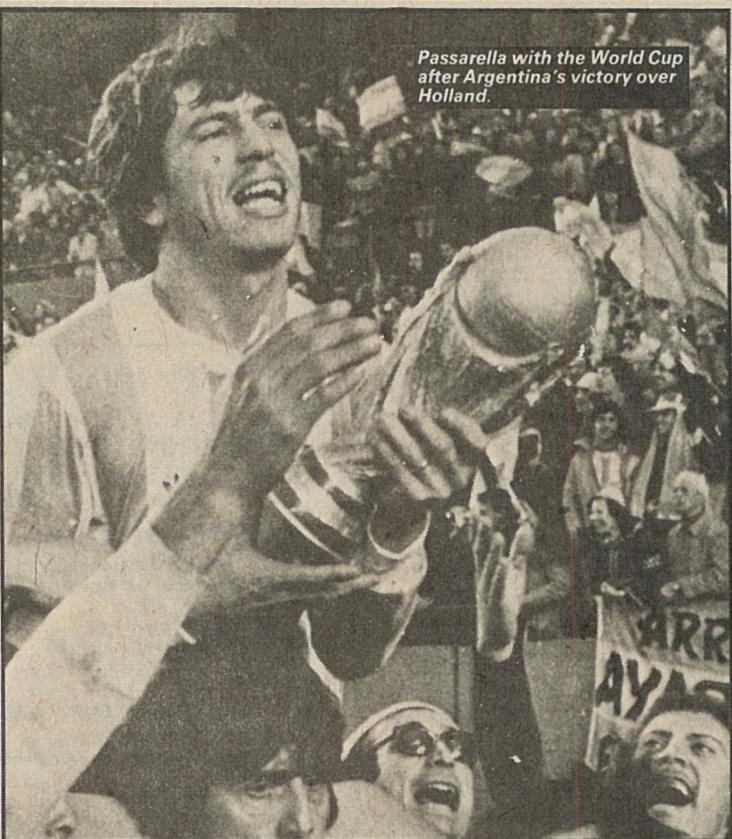
SHOOT: Did you find it difficult to motivate yourself for League games so soon after the World Cup?

PASSARELLA: Yes. I wouldn't say it was an anti-climax, but I was probably suffering from too much football. Perhaps it was good to get away to Europe, if only for a change of environment.

SHOOT: Yes, but River are in the Copa Libertadores, the South American equivalent of the European Cup. Was a tour of Europe the ideal preparation?

PASSARELLA: I agree waiting at airports and so on is tiring, but we had ten days to prepare for our first Cup-tie after returning, so that should have been enough.

*Luque gets the better of
Sheffield United's John
Cutbush during their European
tour.*



Passarella with the World Cup after Argentina's victory over Holland.

SHOOT: While you were touring Europe, your reserve team played in the League. To us, this seems very strange...

PASSARELLA: River have a strong squad of 33 players, who are all first-class. We are never worried about fielding an "emergency" side in the League.

SHOOT: But because of this you now have no chance of winning the title.

PASSARELLA: This year the League is of secondary importance. River have never won the Copa Libertadores and this is our main ambition. I was in the Semi-Final with them, but we had five injuries and this ruined our chance. Now, we are well prepared.

SHOOT: Boca Juniors, who won the Copa Libertadores last time, beat Borussia Mönchengladbach in the Intercontinental Cup. Does this make them the best team in the world... better than Liverpool?

PASSARELLA: Certainly not! Boca were most fortunate to play Borussia just 15 days after the Germans had started pre-season training. Boca were 100 per cent fit and so won 3-0 after a 2-2 draw in Buenos Aires. I can assure you we're a better team than Boca and I hope we'll prove this in the Copa Libertadores.

SHOOT: Who are your opponents?

PASSARELLA: Apart from Boca, we meet Atlético Mineiro of Brazil and in the other group there are Alianza Lima (Peru), Deportivo Cali (Colombia) and Cerro Porteño (Paraguay). The ties will be finished by October 17th and the two group winners play in the Final shortly afterwards.

SHOOT: We get the impression League soccer in Argentina takes second place to the big games.

PASSARELLA: I believe the League needs restructuring to give it more competition. There are two Leagues, the Nacional and the Metropolitano. The latter is made up of all the sides from around Buenos Aires and Santa Fe. The top teams from this then play-off against the best provincial sides in the Nacional. We should lose some of the weaker clubs from the Metropolitano and bring in the best of the provincial teams, from Córdoba and Mendoza for example, to form one large League.

SHOOT: Does the World Cup seem a long way away now?

PASSARELLA: Yes and no. Obviously I'll never forget it. How can I? But I'm learning to live with the pressure that goes with such success. Right now, though, I'm more concerned about the Copa Libertadores and helping River to their first South American title.

... AND A MESSAGE FROM PASSARELLA, WHO SENDS HIS BEST WISHES TO ALL ENGLISH FANS.

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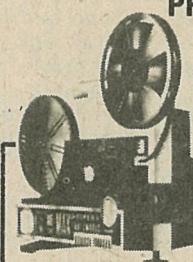


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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

compiled by JOHN PYKE

ARSENAL

60 Glorious years in the First Division

THE task of condensing the deeds of Arsenal and their players into less than 1,000 words is an impossible task. The number of books alone about the club and the stars of Highbury would form a large section in a library.

Before we begin on the humble start of this great club, let us pose a question.

Was the Arsenal 'Double'-winning side of 1970-71, a product of The Sixties, better than The Gunners' side of the 1930's or the Highbury team of the late 1940's and early 50's?

They were the three great eras of the Arsenal club. It is an ironic twist the names in the first great side under Herbert Chapman like Cliff Bastin, Alex James, Joe Hulme, and Ted Drake to name just a magic few — overshadow those in the "Double" side of four decades later.

So do the stars of the early post-War team. Such as Walley Barnes, George Swindin, Leslie and Denis Compton, Jimmy Logie and Laurie Scott.

Perhaps that is the secret of Arsenal. They are a club that builds on tradition. So, in 20 years' time the names of Frank McLintock, Charlie George, Peter Storey, John Radford and company will be remembered more than they are at the moment.

Let us now start at the beginning — not at the magnificent marble halls of Highbury, but at the Woolwich Arsenal in South-East London. Then, as it is now, a government armaments factory.

There the workers started a club and in 1884 Dial Square F.C. was formed.

That attempt failed, but in 1886 the club got under way again.



By the end of the year, the name was changed again to Royal Arsenal, and on Plumstead Common they played their first match in January, 1887.

The Common was one of several venues as the club tried for better grounds. Then in 1894 the team settled at the Manor ground for what was to be a 20-year stay. Three years earlier the club had turned professional.

In 1893, Arsenal had become the only Football League club South of Birmingham when they were

ARSENAL ROLL OF HONOUR

First Division Championship: 1930-31, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1937-38,

1947-48, 1952-53, 1970-71.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1930, 1936, 1950, 1971.

Fairs Cup Winners: 1969-70.

place in the First Division and Spurs still went down.

Arsenal, as if to justify their promotion, have been in the First Division ever since.

Mediocre seasons were followed by the success so well known now under manager Herbert Chapman.

There is just room to tell of a near-miss at the "Double" by both of the first two great Arsenal sides we have mentioned.

In 1931-32, Arsenal finished second in the League and still say they were robbed by "the ball over the line" goal by Newcastle who went on to win 2-1 in the F.A. Cup Final.

Then, in 1951-52, Arsenal finished third and again lost the F.A. Final, ironically to Newcastle, six minutes from time after playing from the 33rd minute with only ten men after full-back Walley Barnes was carried off injured.

Arsenal's history is a glittering one and among their distinctions is the unique one of having a station named after them.

That happened in the 1930's when the Underground changed the name of the local station from Gillespie Road to ARSENAL.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Result	Venue
1978			
Aug			
19	Leeds U	2-2	H
22	Man. City	1-1	A
26	Everton	0-1	A
Sept			
2	Q.P.R.	5-1	H
9	Nottm. For.	1-2	A
16	Bolton W	1-0	H
23	Man. Utd.	1-1	A
30	Middlesbrough		A
Oct			
7	Aston Villa		H
14	Wolves		A
21	Southampton		H
28	Bristol C		A
Nov			
4	Ipswich T		H
11	Leeds U		A
18	Everton		H
21	Q.P.R.		A
25	Coventry C		A
Dec			
2	Liverpool		H
9	Norwich C		A
16	Derby Co.		H
23	Tottenham H		A
26	W.B.A.		H
30	Birmingham C		H
Jan			
1	Chelsea		A
13	Nottm For.		H
20	Bolton W		A
Feb			
3	Man. Utd		A
10	Middlesbrough		H
17	Aston Villa		A
24	Wolves		H
Mar			
3	Southampton		A
10	Bristol C		H
17	Ipswich T		A
24	Man. City		H
31	Coventry C		H
Apr			
7	Liverpool		A
10	Tottenham H		H
14	W.B.A.		A
16	Chelsea		H
21	Derby Co.		A
28	Norwich C		H
May			
5	Birmingham C		A



Frank McLintock is chaired after Arsenal's historic League and F.A. Cup double.

Tottenham were none too pleased to find another League club parked almost overnight only a few miles from White Hart Lane.

If Spurs' plumes had been ruffled

by Arsenal's move, it was nothing

to their rage at what happened

when League football was

resumed after World War One.

Tottenham and Chelsea had been relegated in 1915, so when the First Division was extended from 20 to 22 clubs, when soccer was restarted in 1919, it was expected they would both stay up.

Instead, Arsenal, who had finished sixth in the Second Division in 1914-15, were awarded a

Continued on page 30.

ARSENAL



BACK ROW (left to right): Wilf Dixon (ass-man), Terry Neill (manager), John Devine, Sammy Nelson, Paul Barron, Pat Jennings, Willie Young, Frank Stapleton, David O'Leary, Don Howe (coach), Fred Street (physio).

ENGLAND



FRONT ROW: Liam Brady, Richie Powling, Malcolm Macdonald, Alan Sunderland, Pat Rice, Steve Walford, David Price, John Matthews (now Sheffield United), Graham Rix.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

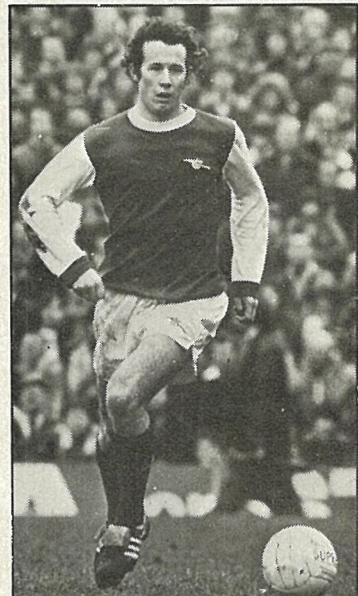
PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.—League Appearances; G.—Goals; S.—Substitutes; All records to end of the 1977-78 season)

LIAM BRADY: Brilliant skills from midfield have made Liam one of the top performers in the First Division. Signed professional in July, 1973. Won his 17th full cap for the Republic of Ireland against N. Ireland in Dublin on September 20th. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.7. L.App.—156 and 8 sub. G.—23.

JIMMY HARVEY: Midfield player signed from Irish club Glentoran in August, 1977. League debut against Derby County at Derby on May 9th, 1978. Born Lurgan. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.4 L.App.—1.

MARK HEELEY: Midfielder signed from Peterborough United in 1977. Arsenal paid £50,000 for Mark and it could reach double that amount depending on the number of League games he plays and if he wins an England cap. Born Peterborough. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.0 L.App.—Peterborough 12 and 5 sub,



LIAM BRADY



TERRY NEILL

Arsenal 3 and 2 sub. G.—Peterborough 3.

PAT JENNINGS: Goalkeeper signed from neighbours Tottenham for a bargain £45,000 in August, 1977. Won his 72nd cap for Northern Ireland against Republic of Ireland on September 20th. Born Newry, Co. Down. Ht. 6. Wt. 12.6. L.App.—Watford 48, Tottenham 472, Arsenal 42.

JOHN KOSMINA: Striker and the first Commonwealth player ever signed by Arsenal. Joined Arsenal in March, 1978, and is an Australian international. Born Australia. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.4.

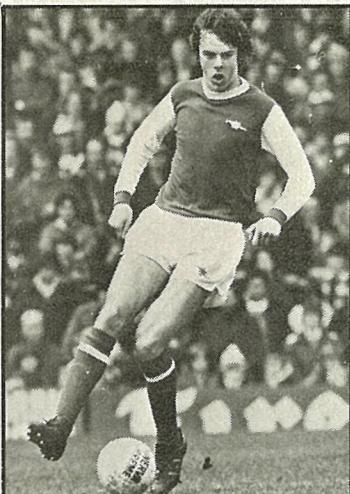
MALCOLM MACDONALD: Striker who cost £333,333 when signed from Newcastle United in August, 1976. Out of action at the moment with a knee injury. England Under-23 international with 14 full caps. Born Fulham. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 13.2. L.App.—Fulham 10 and 3 sub, Luton 88, Newcastle 187, Arsenal 80. G.—Fulham 5, Luton 49, Newcastle 95, Arsenal 40.

SAMMY NELSON: Full-back signed professional in April, 1966. Won his 33rd cap for Northern Ireland against Republic of Ireland on September 20th, 1978. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L.App.—177 and 9 sub. G.—6.

DAVID O'LEARY: Central defender and one of the best in the First Division. Signed professional in July, 1975. Has won eight caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born London. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.3. L.App.—101. G.—3.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1973-74	Alan Ball	13
1974-75	Brian Kidd	19
1975-76	Brian Kidd	11
1976-77	Malcolm Macdonald	25
1977-78	Malcolm Macdonald	15



DAVID O'LEARY

RICHIE POWLING: Defender signed professional in July, 1973. Born London. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.6. L.App.—50 and 5 sub. G.—3.

DAVID PRICE: Hard-working midfielder signed professional in August, 1972. Returned from a loan spell with Peterborough to win a regular place in the Arsenal League side. Born Caterham. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.2. L.App.—Peterborough (loan) 6, Arsenal 47 and 6 sub. G.—Peterborough (loan) 1, Arsenal 6.

PAT RICE: Full-back signed professional in March, 1966. Won his 42nd cap for Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland on September 20th. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.7. L.App.—326 and 4 sub. G.—10.

GRAHAM RIX: Midfielder signed professional in January, 1976. Scored on his League debut v Leicester City on April 2nd, 1977. England Under-21 international. Born Doncaster. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L.App.—41 and 5 sub. G.—3.

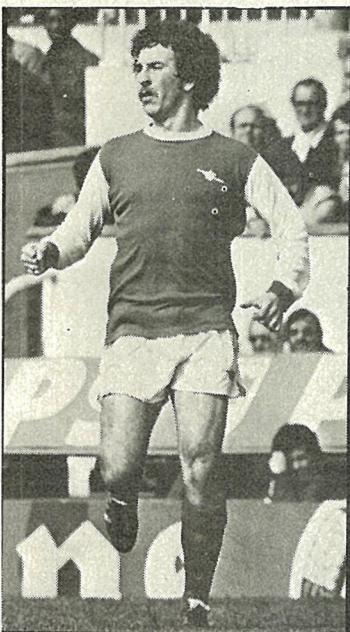
FRANK STAPLETON: Striker signed professional in October, 1973, and links well with Malcolm

Macdonald in Arsenal's attack. Won his eighth cap for the Republic of Ireland v Northern Ireland on September 20th. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.7. L.App.—103 and 2 sub. G.—30.

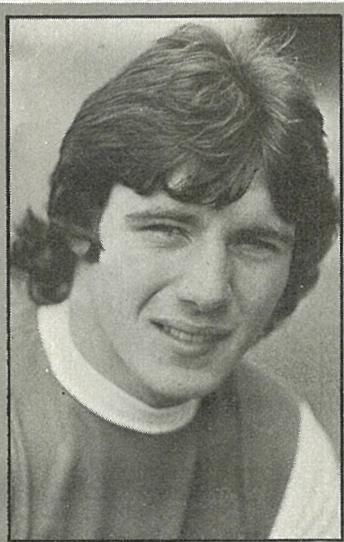
ALAN SUNDERLAND: Midfielder or striker signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in November, 1977, for £180,000. Played for England B v West Germany B in March, 1978. Born Mexborough. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.6½. L.App.—Wolverhampton W. 139 and 19 sub, Arsenal 23. G.—Wolverhampton W 30, Arsenal 4.

STEVE WALFORD: Defender signed from Tottenham in August, 1977. When West Bromwich Albion defender Derek Statham dropped out of the England Under-21 squad to play in Denmark, Steve was selected to replace him. Born London. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.7. L.App.—Tottenham 1 and 1 sub, Arsenal 2 and 3 sub.

WILLIE YOUNG: Central defender signed from Tottenham for £80,000 in March, 1977. Scottish Under-23 international. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 6.3. Wt. 12.10. L.App.—Aberdeen 132, Tottenham 54, Arsenal 49. G.—Aberdeen 10, Tottenham 3, Arsenal 4.



ALAN SUNDERLAND



FRANK STAPLETON

LONDON'S BEST BET FOR HONOURS

THE rivalry between Tottenham and Arsenal is deep-rooted as we have seen on page 27. But Spurs pulled one over their Arsenal neighbours when they signed the crowd-pulling pair of Argentinian stars in Ardiles and Villa during the summer.

Arsenal, not savoring the idea of finishing second to Tottenham, whether it be in competitions or transfers, reacted in the grand manner by trying to sign Holland's World Cup star Ruud Krol. The fact Krol himself is keen to come to Arsenal, means he could be an Arsenal player even before this SHOOT reaches the bookstalls.

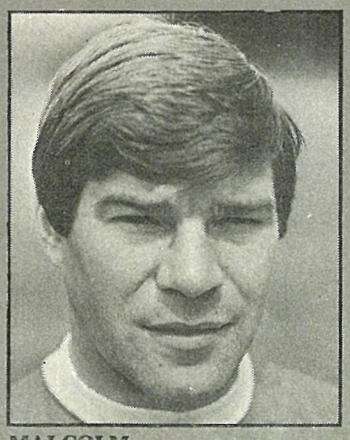
Not that the current Arsenal side is without talent. David O'Leary, Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady may, in view of the current

outstanding English-born youngsters, be thankful they are Irish.

All three are top-class performers and now Brady has this season corrected a fault in his shooting sights, he is the complete attacking midfielder.

With Graham Rix and David Price already established in the side, two newcomers in Mark Heeley and Jimmy Harvey have impressed when given their chance. While the back-three of keeper Pat Jennings and full-backs Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson pack all the experience needed in an all-Irish trio.

With the return from injury in the near future of the most famous left leg in soccer, that of Malcolm Macdonald, Arsenal still look London's best bet for a bid at the honours this season.



MALCOLM MACDONALD

'THE GHOST' RETURNS TO ANFIELD

CHRIS Lawler, ex-Liverpool full-back, known to The Kop as "The Ghost" for his habit of gliding into scoring positions during his Anfield days, is assured of a great welcome when he returns to the scene of his former triumphs for his testimonial match on Wednesday, October 11.

And the reason for Lawler's popularity is not difficult to understand — he made his debut for Liverpool in 1967, played 546 League and Cup games in the famous red jersey, and scored 61 goals.

Such a goalscoring performance is unique for a full-back, especially when it is remembered none of the goals came from penalty-kicks. Chris simply had the flair for moving into the correct position at the right time, and delivering his final shot with the precision and judgment that a top-scoring centre-forward might have envied.

In addition, Lawler had an approach to the game that made him a favourite with the Anfield supporters. He never made a fuss, was never temperamental, and his behaviour on and off the field was always impeccable. And today, more than a decade after starting his long run in the Liverpool first team, the tall, trimly-built defender is still carrying on in the same way for Northern Premier League side Bangor City.

Impressive

A full-back who liked nothing better than moving forward to back the attack, as his goals-tally amply testifies, Lawler enjoyed an impressive run of 316 consecutive matches from 1965 to 1971 — and he was a key figure in a Liverpool side which won League, F.A. Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup trophies.

Apart from being liked by the fans, Chris is rated highly by fellow professionals, which is possibly the highest reflection of all concerning his ability. As proof of this, former team-mates of his at Anfield, Tommy Smith, Alan Waddle, Phil Boersma, Ian Callaghan and John Toshack are only too pleased to turn out in the Swansea team which opposes Liverpool in the testimonial game.

Now, looking back on his heady days of success at Anfield, Chris still remembers the event that gave him the biggest thrill of his career. It was Liverpool's 1965 F.A. Cup Final win over Leeds United, and an occasion Lawler will never forget.

He recalls: "What made it so special was the fact it was Liverpool's first-ever F.A. Cup Final victory. Ian St John scored the winning goal in extra-time, and the supporters were over the moon.

"But it was another Cup occasion, the European Cup Semi-Final against Inter-Milan, that brought me my biggest disappoint-



ment. Liverpool lost that day, but we all thought we had had a raw deal, with the referee giving some peculiar decisions against us.

"I was fortunate to be at Anfield during the years of their triumphs, which are still continuing in 1978. From the Sixties right up to the present time, Liverpool have fielded some great teams and great players.

"The club keeps on winning because it demands success, and in those years there have been two managers who have been outstanding, Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley. And when Bill retired, the players never had any doubts about Bob carrying on the winning tradition — after all, we knew him for a long time."

From the glamour of Anfield to non-League soccer with Bangor is quite a change for any player, but Chris Lawler, true to character, takes it all in his stride. As well as his football, Lawler is the sales manager for a sports firm, and combines the two successfully.

"I enjoy what I'm doing," says Chris. "And as for the football, I'll keep on playing as long as I get satisfaction from it. I would only think about retiring from the game if I felt it was becoming a chore instead of a pleasure."

One thing is certain — it will be a real pleasure for Lawler to step out on to the Anfield turf again, and hear the unmistakable roar of the Liverpool fans.

"They have always been good to me," says Chris. "They are loyal and warm-hearted, and are behind their team all the way. And in the years Liverpool have been collecting trophies, it seems just reward fans of their calibre should have the satisfaction of seeing their side up at the top."

For his testimonial, Lawler will be wearing a Liverpool shirt for the last time, against some of his old colleagues who were with him on the occasions that helped to make history on Merseyside, Tommy Smith, Ian Callaghan and John Toshack.

And for Chris, and the Kop, it should be another great night to remember.

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Nick Bonner of Church Crookham, near Aldershot, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

KEVIN'S FANTASY

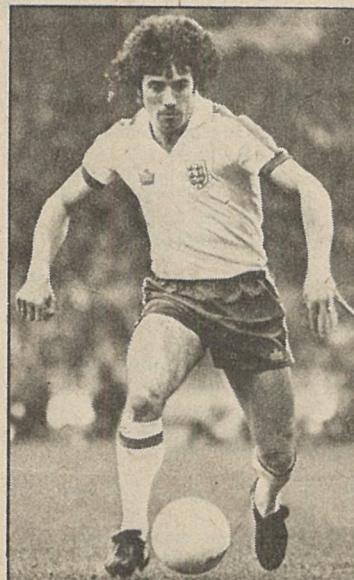
AFTER reading Kevin Keegan's outburst in a Sunday paper, it proved to everyone — fans and media alike — what had been widely rumoured was true ... Keegan was not fitting into the Hamburger SV set-up.

Kevin talked about jealousies and how his team-mates wouldn't give him the ball during play. As a result, he's become depressed, which is typical of a man who desperately wishes to express himself and do the job he loves.

Perhaps surprisingly, Kevin wants to quit soccer when he's 31, not wishing to finish his career in the lower Divisions.

It's a great shame Keegan has regretted his move to West Germany as it seems he will never again achieve the happiness and success he did with Liverpool.

Kevin is one of England's all-time great players, but I'm afraid he'll always be seeking to live in the fantasy which made him leave Anfield initially ... he'll be chasing something he can't reach.



● Better to try and fail than not try at all, the saying goes. If HSV aren't as successful as Liverpool, Keegan can't be blamed. His performances for England since he left Liverpool have been world-class and he is a far better player than he was at Anfield. At a time when truly great players are hard to find, Keegan is one of the world's most exciting footballers and I'm sure had he stayed at Liverpool, he would not have improved in the same way. Kevin had achieved all he could

with Liverpool — and any side will stand a better chance of success with KK in their team. As for his team-mates not giving him the ball, I believe that since his outburst things have changed for the better at HSV.

Entertainment Before Cash

HAVE been following Fulham for three years, since the 1975 F.A. Cup Final, and I'm disgusted at the way they have constantly sold players to pay off their debt.

Around 20 players have left Craven Cottage and the average attendance has fallen from 18,000 to 5,000.

I believe entertainment should come before money as it is spectators who pay the players' wages.

KEVIN HUDSON, RUISLIP.

● Even when Fulham reached the Cup Final, their average attendance for League games was disappointing. They were forced to sell players to survive, otherwise their fans would have had no club to cheer. I think Bobby Campbell has done a good job in keeping the club in Division Two, selling players often for vastly inflated fees (no names, though!). Fulham can now look to the future with confidence ... and they can also look their bank manager in the eye!

Best In World

MAY I, through SHOOT, thank the Rangers team for their gesture at the end of the European Cup-tie in Turin against Juventus. They ran the length of the field to applaud the 3,000 supporters who had travelled to Italy, some only having four hours in the city before leaving for home again.

I was lucky, having flown there, but it made me proud to see so many fans had made the trip ... and were well-behaved.

A Juventus fan told me he had never seen any team bring as much support, adding: "Surely Rangers have the best support in the world!"

TOM MCKEE, BELFAST.

● Too often Rangers' fans have disgraced their club — our congratulations to those who saw their team's creditable performance against Juve.

Pen-Pal

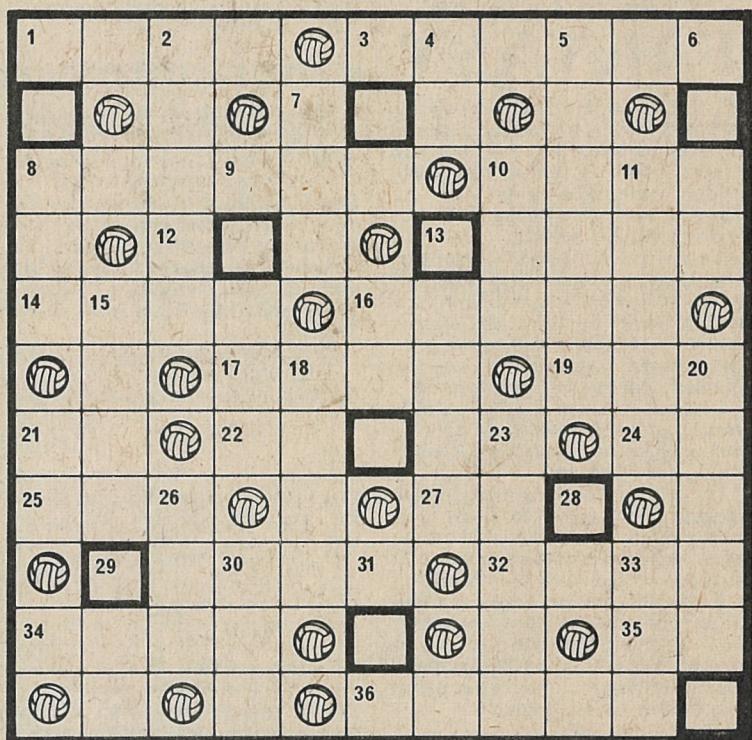
AM a 21-year-old Italian, very fond of English football ... a hot-blooded Aston Villa fan! I'd like to correspond with other Villa fans.

MASSIMA BIANCHI,
VIA DAVIDE MENIMI 129/29 E,
16 137 GENOA,
ITALY.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Chelsea midfield player.

Answers on Page 50



ACROSS:—

- (1) — Street, ground of St. Mirren.
- (3) O--i--v--rk (Stenhousemuir). Religious building from the omissions.
- (7) — Corrigan of Manchester City.
- (8) One of Norwich City's colours.
- (10) — Sunderland of Arsenal.
- (12) Brian ---tie of Aston Villa.
- (13) One of Ayr United's colours.
- (14) — Zaragoza, Spanish club.
- (16) Take five letters from Anderlecht to choose by vote.
- (17) These goals count double in some international competitions.
- (19) Three letters from Leeds United for a fish.
- (21) --wick Rangers, from Shiffield Park.
- (22) Take five letters from the first word of clue 5 down to make vehicles.
- (24) Mea--wbank Thistle.
- (25) Steve P---yman of Spurs.
- (27) Tommy ---chison of Coventry City.
- (29) Trunk of the human body.
- (32) Anfield —, home of Liverpool.
- (34) The number of clubs in the English First Division whose names start with the letter "H".
- (35) — Ahead Eagles; Dutch League club.
- (36) It could be said to be the most important number in soccer!

DOWN:—

- (1) — Road, Colchester United's Ground.
- (2) Half of the club with the record most F.A. Cup wins.
- (3) An animal from the Scottish club based at Central Park ground.
- (4) Bog--ad Park, Dumbarton.
- (5) Crystal —, from Selhurst Park, London.
- (6) Chain loop from Montrose's ground.
- (7) St. --hns-one.
- (9) --r--s--e United. Shrub from the omissions reversed.
- (10) Derek H---s of Charlton Athletic.
- (11) Performed from the missing letters in -on--s--r Rovers.
- (13) Jim —, Coventry City 'keeper.
- (15) Merseyside club from Goodison Park.
- (16) Stuart P---son of Manchester United.
- (18) Main soccer competitions were suspended during them.
- (20) — Road ground of Peterborough United.
- (21) Gle-- Park, Brechin City's ground.
- (23) Move to and fro as in an attacking match.
- (26) — Atkinson, West Brom manager.
- (28) -r--yes, French League club.
- (30) The ref holds up a — card when he sends a player off.
- (31) Number of goals scored in the 1975/76 F.A. Cup Final (Southampton v. Manchester United).
- (33) Alan Ram --- of Middlesbrough.

I'll be delighted if we score four goals against the Republic of Ireland when we travel to Dublin for our second European Championship tie in a few weeks . . . but hope we don't concede three.

Our game against Denmark was a pleasure to play in and I'm sure was marvellous to watch. Yet as professionals we know it was a soccer sin to give away such easy goals, and while I'm not for one moment suggesting we should play defensively, our performance in Copenhagen was, as Ron Greenwood said, carrying attacking soccer to its extreme.

We should have tightened up when we took an early 2-0 lead. Instead, we continued playing as we had been, attacking in numbers and leaving ourselves exposed at the back.

Denmark's attitude was similar, so while the match was a spectator's dream, it became a coach's nightmare.

Mind you, all credit to the Danes, who showed themselves to be a very good side coming forward. They would have posed problems for anyone with their speed up-front, particularly Allan Simonsen and Frank Arnesen, who scored their second goal.

Powerful

Denmark were quick and eager to come forward. All their players wanted the ball. Combine this enthusiasm with their work-rate and the Danes have a powerful team — I just hope they can field their strongest line-up against the other sides in the group.

I liked the way Denmark worked their one-twos and I'll never forget one instance, which probably sums the game up. They had nine men within about 40 yards of our goal when we broke . . . the ball went to Kevin Keegan who, instead of going on, checked and lost the ball. We were three against one! The Danes



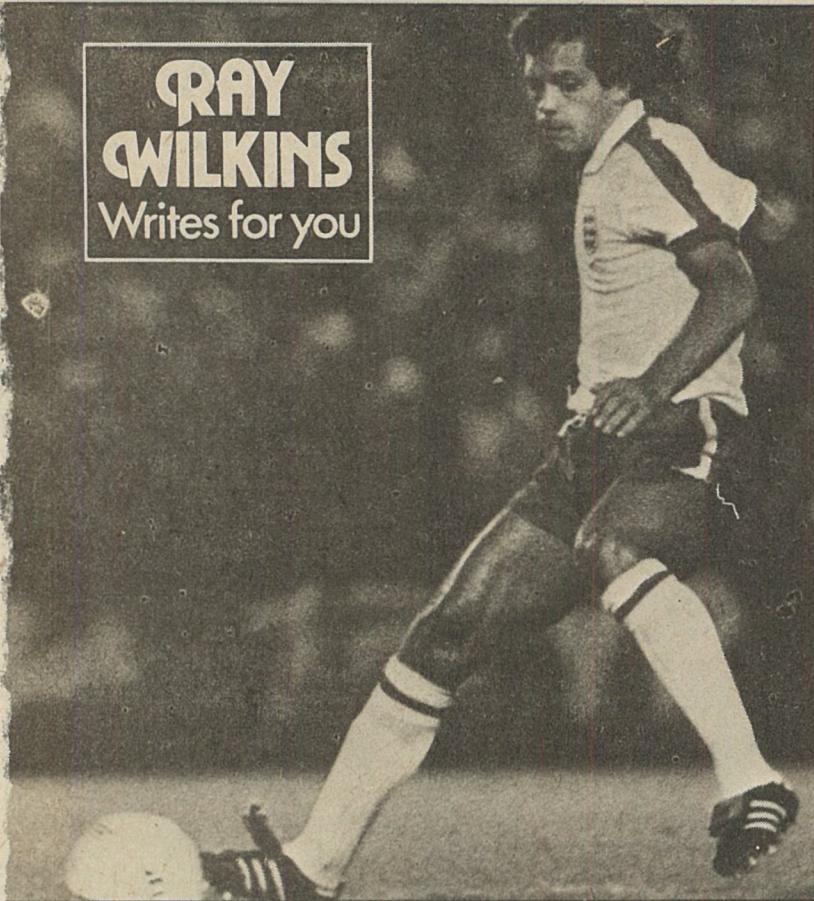
had just one defender back!

Still, the England team had a few question marks against its defensive qualities. I must point out it is not just the job of the back-four to defend; in modern football, a team must defend from the front, with its strikers hustling opponents and midfielders trying to win the ball.

In Copenhagen, those players further forward simply didn't do this job properly and it's wrong to put all the blame on the back-four of Phil Neal, Dave Watson, Emlyn



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'WRONG ONLY TO CRITICISE ENGLAND'S DEFENCE'

"England's two men-of-the-match in action in Denmark — Trevor Brooking (left) and Kevin Keegan."



Hughes and Mick Mills.

The game also underlined there are no easy touches in international soccer. On the same night, Finland beat World Cup Finalists Hungary, while Norway held Belgium away from home and, by all accounts, were unlucky not to have won. I'd rate the Danes better than these sides, so our victory in Copenhagen — forgetting the scoreline, perhaps! — was a great result.

It was a close match, but England deserved to win. The only time I was slightly worried was when they pulled back from 0-2 to 2-2. Once we made it 3-2, I was always confident we'd win.

Fell

There was some controversy over Bob Latchford's "handled" goal. I didn't see the incident at the time as I was badly positioned. Bob didn't really say anything afterwards, but having seen it on television it appears as if he fell at the ball and it struck him before going in.

Even though we conceded three goals, I hope Ron Greenwood doesn't alter the tactics. He will probably adapt them, as he did in the second-half in Denmark. Then, he told me to hang back and let Trevor Brooking go forward more as he does for West Ham. Trevor is one of the best midfielders around and few players can pass the ball

inside from a wide position as he does. Even his free-kick that led to Kevin Keegan's first goal was inch-perfect, memories of a similar goal against Italy at Wembley just under a year ago.

KK was out of this world. He's improved almost beyond belief since going to Hamburg — just about every aspect of his game is better. While it was a shame England weren't in the World Cup Finals, it was a personal blow for Kevin as he'd have been a sensation out there.

From my point of view, simply playing in Copenhagen was a bonus as I thought I could have been left out.

My form for Chelsea this season has not been what I would have hoped and I had the misfortune to be substituted when the England boss was watching, against Manchester City at Stamford Bridge.

That was the first time I'd ever been called off and it hurt. It's a setback I'll just have to get over and forget, though.

What worries me most of all is why I've been playing below par. I feel fitter than I've ever done, yet my confidence has been drained. I must be honest and say there have been times when I haven't played a long, difficult ball — instead, I've opted for a safer, shorter pass, something I wouldn't have dreamed of last season.

Pursuing

I had a chat with Ken Shellito about the substitution and there's no point in pursuing the matter any farther just now.

Imagine my relief when, on the Sunday, Ron Greenwood told me I'd be playing. In fact, it was quite amusing ... Peter Barnes, Terry McDermott and myself had all been pulled off that week. Mr. Greenwood joked we were being saved for England!

The England manager said to me I'd done well for him in the past and that was his main concern. Sir Alf Ramsey used to have a similar attitude and it certainly helps build up loyalty, trust and team-spirit in the international squad.

I'll be talking about the Eire game in more detail nearer the date — in the meantime, let's remember it's been quite a while since England chalked up such an away victory in a major competition, so while the performance wasn't perfect ... at least we won.

On Saturday (October 7th) Chelsea travel to Derby, whose manager Tommy Docherty criticised me on T.V. not too long ago.

He's entitled to his opinion; managers are like the Press — some like you, others don't. I won't be going to Derby with anything to prove. It'll be nice to win or draw, but then it always is away from home, regardless of who's manager of the other side.

Join me again in a fortnight,

Raymond Wilkins

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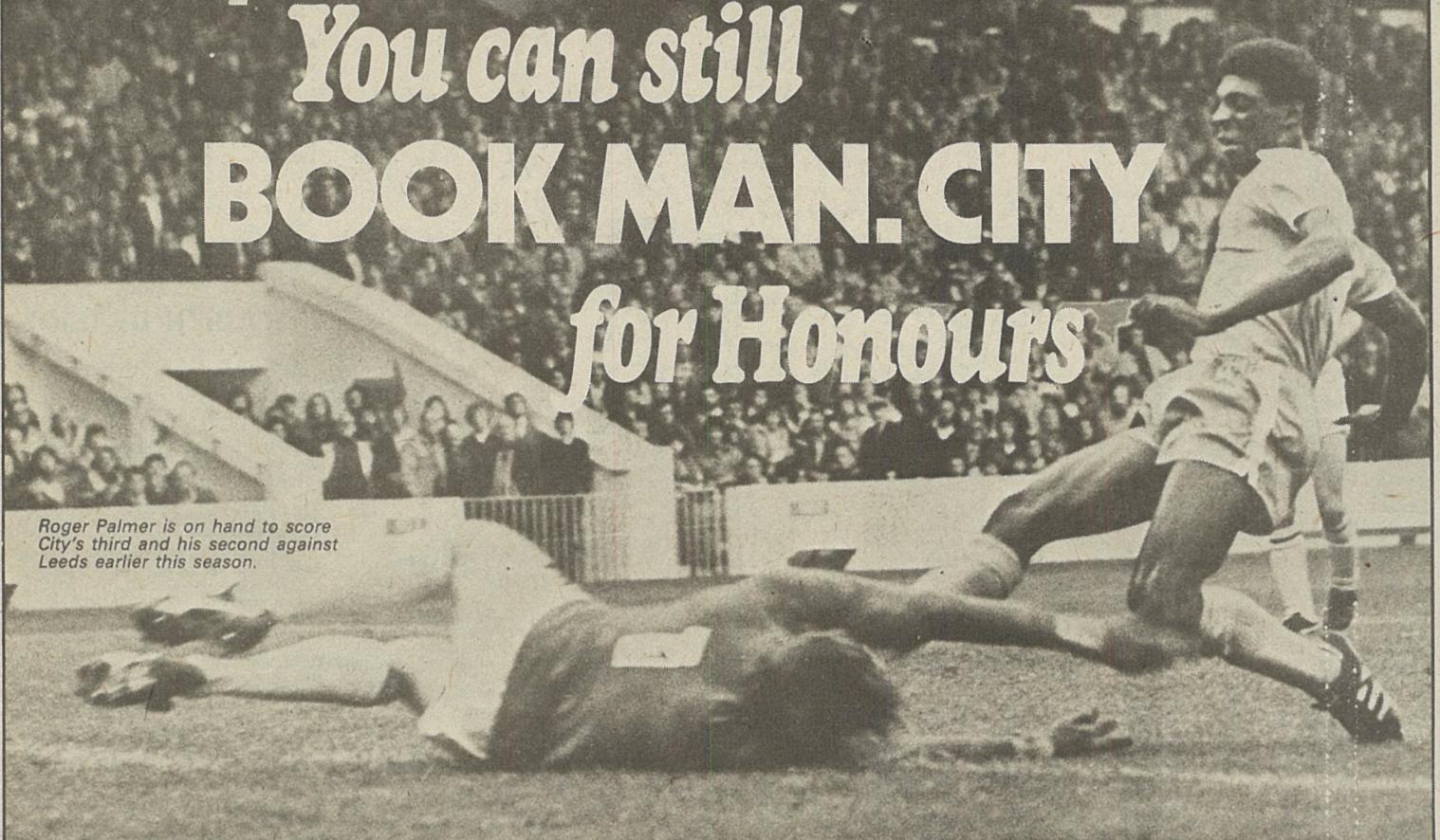
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Despite an inconsistent start... You can still BOOK MAN.CITY for Honours

Roger Palmer is on hand to score City's third and his second against Leeds earlier this season.



MANCHESTER City's recovery from a disappointing start to the season surprised exactly nobody.

City's talented squad, their marvellous facilities at Maine Road and their determination to play attacking, attractive football combine to give them short odds in the success stakes.

Since Tony Book (right) hung up his boots to become manager in 1975, City have promised much but failed to achieve the success their brand of football deserves. And this season City are full of those promises again.

Book, backed by a loyal and confident board, bought and sold as he quietly worked towards building a squad capable of emulating the feats of the tremendous City who shook League football under the guiding hands of Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

This season, City, complete with more new faces — former Chester and Luton twins Paul and Ron Futcher and Colin Viljoen from Ipswich — are again among the Championship favourites.

But City were crushed when Liverpool swept to a dazzling 4-1 victory at Maine Road in a crucial early fixture. Missed chances plus some sloppy defensive play disguised the fact City had more of the game than it may have appeared.

A lesser team would have been drained of confidence. Not Book's



City. They fought back to earn a draw with Norwich at Carrow Road, crushed Leeds then hammered Chelsea 4-1 at Stamford Bridge.

Book said: "We have made a solid rather than spectacular start to the season. I know some people expected us to begin with sparks flying, but without making excuses, we have had a lot of injury problems.

"You cannot lose players like Dave Watson, Willie Donachie, Peter Barnes and Colin Viljoen without feeling the effect."

Excuses are not part of Tony Book's methods. But then a man of

his standing in the game does not need them.

Book is living proof ability, however well disguised, will come to the surface in the end. He was in his 30's when Malcolm Allison took him from Southern League Bath City to Plymouth Argyle in 1964 as a solid, skilful right-back.

And when Allison teamed up with Mercer at Maine Road in 1966, he brought Book with him.

In 1968, City pipped neighbours and old rivals Manchester United for the League Championship. Twelve months later Book captained City to a 1-0 F.A. Cup Final victory over Leicester City at Wembley. He was voted 'Player of the Year' in a memorable season.

City won a unique 'double' in 1970, beating West Bromwich Albion 2-1 at Wembley to win the Football League Cup and Gornik Zabrze 2-1 to capture the European Cup-Winners' Cup. So Book collected four major honours in three seasons. Only England caps eluded him.

He led City back to Wembley in 1976, this time as manager, and they beat Newcastle United 2-1 to lift the League Cup. But since then, City's promise has not matured sufficiently to ease them past Liverpool in the Championship hunt, although they finished runners-up in 1977.

Book added: "I am pleased the way we have recovered from those early games. It began, really, up at Norwich where we trailed to a

Martin Chivers goal scored on the stroke of half-time.

"We began to put things together in the second-half and Mike Channon tucked away the equaliser in characteristic style — a goal which pleased him a lot after the criticism he received for missing a few against Liverpool.

"It is still far too early to say what we will achieve. But we are still in Europe after a good 1-1 draw in Holland — a fine header by Dave Watson — and our injuries are beginning to clear up. Brian Kidd and Roger Palmer dropped out, with a broken toe and knee ligament trouble respectively, a few days after we got the other four players back in the team.

"People talk about pressure on me because of the money I have spent. I feel no pressure. We are a major club with major ambitions. It is necessary, as Forest proved last season, to sometimes strengthen your squad through the transfer market.

"I am very pleased with my signings because they fit perfectly into my plans. Those plans are all about building up a squad with the right attitude as well as the necessary levels of skill and experience. We have those qualities now.

"I dislike making promises or predictions. But I will say this. Given the run of the ball at the right time and a break from injury worries and we will be there when the honours are being distributed."

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Souness 2, Kennedy) 31,740
Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood, Pendrey, Dillon, Gallagher, Howard (Ainscow), Barrowclough, Towers, Givens, Emmanuel, Fox.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

BOLTON (0) 2 (Gowling 2)

DERBY (1) 1 (Daly) 20,331
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Burke, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Worthington, Train (Smith).

Derby: Middleton, Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Todd, Carter, Nish, Powell, George, Ryan.

COVENTRY (1) 3 (Wallace, McDonald, Ferguson)

CHELSEA (2) 2 (Langley, McKenzie) 24,920
Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Beck, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hunt.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Lewington, Hay, Wicks, Swain, Wilkins (R), Langley, Stanley (Britton), McKenzie.

EVERTON (0) 2 (Lyons, Dobson) 36,201
Middlesbrough (0) 0

Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Nulty, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.

Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Proctor, McAndrew, Ashcroft, Mills, Armstrong.

IPSWICH (0) 0

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Gregory, Gray pen.)

22,166

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Gates (Whymark), Mariner, Muhran, Woods.

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman (Jenkins), Smith, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Gregory, Little, Gray, Cowans, Craig.

MAN. CITY (2) 3 (Watson, Palmer 2)

LEEDS (0) 0 40,125

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Power, Watson, Fother (P), Channon, Owen, Palmer, Hartford, Barnes.

Leeds: Stewart; Stevenson, Gray (F) (Harris), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Cherry, Hankin, Hawley, Hampton, Graham.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 (Robertson pen., Bowyer)

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Brady) 28,124

Nottingham: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Mills (Needham), Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary (Harvey), Young, Brady, Sunderland, Walford, Stapleton, Rix.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Gillard)

MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Greenhoff J.) 23,477

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Busby, Eastoe, Francis, Harkouk (Goddard), Bowles, McGee.

Man. U: Roche; Greenhoff (B), Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppel, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, McCreery.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Boyer, Waldron, MacDougall)

WOLVES (0) 2 (Bell, Daniel pen.) 22,060

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes (Hebberd), Curran.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Daniel, Palmer, Parkin, Berry, McAlle, Hibbitt (Clarke), Carr, Rafferty, Bell, Daley.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Rodges o.g.)

BRISTOL C (0) 0 34,035

Tottenham: Daines; McAllister, Gorman, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Villa, Ardiles, Lee, Pratt, Taylor.

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Mann, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Gow, Whitehead.

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Cunningham, Robson)

NORWICH (2) 2 (Chivers, Ryan) 21,947

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Cantello, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cunningham, Johnston.

Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Chivers, Robson (McGuire), Peters.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Hurst o.g.)

OLDHAM (0) 0 19,735

Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward (Poskett), Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Gardner, Halom, Young, Chapman, Steel.

BRISTOL R (0) 2 (Staniforth, Randall)

LUTON (0) 0 6,508

Bristol R: Thomas; Pulis, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Barry.

Luton: Alekic; Jones, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Price, Donaghy (West), Fuccillo, Stein, Ingram, Moss.

BURNLEY (1) 3 (Brennan, Fletcher, Thomson)

WEST HAM (2) 2 (Cross 2) 12,303

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Hall, Fletcher, Kindon, Smith.

West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Martin, Robson.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Buchanan)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 6,154

Cardiff: Barber; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Roberts, Grapes, Burns, Dwyer, Bishop (Stephens), Buchanan.

Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Streete (Murray), Fallon, Graham, Cozens, Spriggs, Buckley, Finney, Biley.

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Flanagan)

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Thomas) 8,356

Charlton: Wood; Madden, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Berry, Robinson, Hales, Flanagan, Peacock, Gritt.

Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Kenworthy (Williams), Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Chatterton pen.)

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Entwistle) 21,112

Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy (Silkman), Swindleshurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Greenwood (Ashurst), Entwistle, Gilbert, Rowell.

FULHAM (0) 2 (Mahoney, Margerrison)

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 6,672

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Banton (Margerrison), Gale, Bullivant, Davies, Mahoney, Lock, Evanson.

Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Calvert, Franks, Matthews, Speight, Woodward, Keeley, Stainrod (Renwick), Hamson, Sabella.

OXFORD (0) 2 (Mahoney, Margerrison)

BURTON (0) 0 3,936

Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, McGrohan, White, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

Bury: Forrest; Hatton, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Bailey, Wilson, Farrell, Rowland, Taylor, Robins.

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Binney)

MANSFIELD (2) 4 (Syrett, Martin, Saxby, Miller) 6,052

Plymouth: Burns; Bason, Rogers, Brennan (Graves), Foster, Perrin, Megson, Fear, Binney, Trusson, Johnson.

Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B) (Foster, C), Goodwin, Saxby, McClelland, Miller, Martin, Syrett, Hodgson, Bird.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Finney pen., Smith)

LINCOLN (0) 0 4,427

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

Lincoln: Grotter; Guest, Leigh, Hughes, Wigington, Cooper, Hobson, McCalliog, Harford, Sunley, Harding (Fleming).

SHEFF. WED. (2) 3 (Hornby 2, 1 pen., Grant)

SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Morris pen., Fell) 11,309

Sheff. W: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Rushford, Dowd, Mullen, Wylde, Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Hornsby.

Southend: Cawston; Stead (Hadley), Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Walker, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Fell.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Biggins, Maguire)

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 4,179

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Lindsay, Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.

Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Sudaby, McEwan, Ronson, Holden, Spence, Davidson, Wagstaffe (Chandler).

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Peplow)

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Price) 1,589

Transmire: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Bramhall, Evans, Cliff, Palios, Moore, Peplow, McAuley.

LEICESTER (0) 0

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter) 14,485

Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Sims, Kelly, Weller, Kember, Christie, Duffy, White (Williams).

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley, Stubbs, McCulloch, Masson, Green, Hunt, Vinter.

NEWCASTLE (0) 3 (Withe 2, McGhee)

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Gregory) 24,334

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Kelly, Cassidy (McGhee), Blackley, Barton, Suggett, Pearson, With, Hibbit, Connolly.

Blackburn: Butcher; Curtis, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Gregory, Fowler, Radford, Waddington, Aston.

ORIENT (0) 0

STOKE (0) 1 (O'Callaghan) 6,587

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Greasham, Gray, Went, Chiedozie, Hughton, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks (Busby), Richardson.

PRESTON 0

MILLWALL 0 8,926

Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Burns, Baxter, Doyle, Potts, Haslegrave, Robinson, Thomson (Smith), Bruce.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore (Mehmet), Chambers, Kitchener, Hazel, Hamilton (B), Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Hamilton (J).

CREWE (0) 1 (Davies)

BORNEemouth (0) 0 1,693

Crewe: Caswell; Hughes, Cheetham, Bevan, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies, Roberts, Nelson, Purdie, Wilshaw.

Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Benson (Showers), Johnson, Finnigan, Butler (M), Lennard, Brown (K).

DARLINGTON (0) 0

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Brolly) 2,220

Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons (Ferguson), Seal, Probert, Wann.

Grimby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Liddell, Lester, Young, Brolly.

HARTEPOOL (1) 2 (Linacre, Hogan)

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Emery pen.) 2,995

Hartlepool: Platt; Malone, Smith (G), Hogan, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Newton, Crumplin, Guy.

Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes (Crompton), Layton, Emery, Stephens, Holmes (K), Jones, Spirin, Bailey.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Hanvey, Bielby)

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Owen) 4,038

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Topping, Gray, Hart, McGreilis, Hanvey, Bielby.

Doncaster: Peacock; Owen, Bentley, Lally, Bradley, Taylor, Habbie, Lewis, Snodin, (Meagan), French, Laidlaw.

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Beamish)

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Dixon) 3,045

Port Vale: Dance; Wilkinson, Griffiths, Bloor, Sproson, Hawkins, Bromage (Chamberlain), Todd, Wright, Beamish, Stenson.

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

READING (1) 2 (Kearns 2, 1 pen.)

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Vaughan) 5,089

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearns, Sanchez, Lewis.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Walker, Oakes, Lowndes, Thompson, Vaughan, Goddard, Woods, Sinclair.

ROCHDALE (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (2) 2 (Davey, Lathan) 1,479

Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, Snokes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Hoy, Ashworth, Esser, O'Loughlin (Mullington).

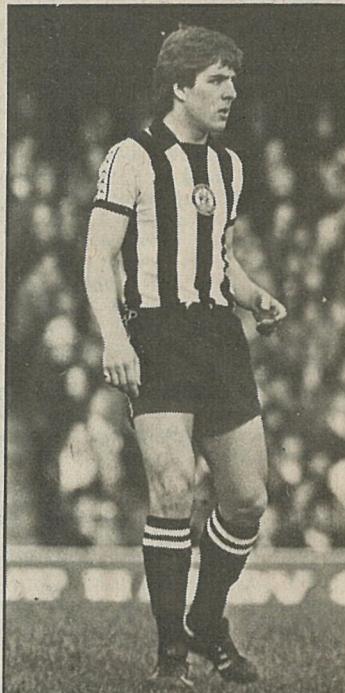
Portsmouth: Mellor, Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Piper (Garwood), Wilson, Hemmerman, Lathan, Davey, Barnard, Pullar.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

BARNESLEY (0) 1 (Little) 7,612

Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Gibson, Wigg, Kilmore, Pilling (Bloomer).

Barnesley: Springett; Collins, Chambers (Joicey), Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Riley, Prendergast, Peachey.



Mark McGhee scored for Newcastle against Blackburn at St. James' Park.

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Lawrence 2)
HALIFAX (0) 0 2,048
 Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Dunne, Davies, Green, Darke, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Raper.
 Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Hutt, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Firth, Lawson, Bullock, Johnson, Bell.

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Denny, Eames pen.)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Corrigan) 3,217
 Wimbeldon; Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galiers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Ketteridge, Denny, Cork (Knowles), Parsons.
 Wigan: Brown, Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Gillibrand, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Crompton, Purdie.

YORK (0) 1 (Staniforth)
NOTHAMPTON (0) 0 2,358
 York: Neenan; Scott, Kay, Stronach, Faulkner, Clements, Young, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Frogatt, Reilly, Christie (Cordice).

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 4 (Harper 2, 1 pen., Archibald 2)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0 12,200
 Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLelland, McFarlane, Garner, Miller, Sullivan (Strachan), Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Scanlon.
 Motherwell: Latchford; Millar, Wark, Boyd (McLeod), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach, McLaren, Clinging (Lindsay).
CELTIC (2) 3 (McAdam 2, McCluskey)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Parlane) 60,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Fillipi, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, Glavin, Doyle, Conroy (Craig), McAdam, Burns (Casey), McCluskey.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Jackson, MacDonald (Miller), McLean (Cooper), Russell, Parlane, Johnstone, Smith.

DUNDEE UTD. (0) 1 (Hegarty)
MORTON (0) 2 (Rooney pen., Russell) 5,531
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart (Robinson), Kope, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Frye (Sturrock), Addison, Kirkwood, Holt, Payne.
 Morton: Connachan, Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott, McNeill.

HIBS (1) 1 (Higgins)
ST. MIRRIN (0) 0 8,000
 Hibs: McDonald; Bremner, Smith, Rae, Fleming, McNamara, Temperley, McLeod, Duncan, Callaghan, Higgins.
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson (Sharp), Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

PARTICK (2) 3 (Melrose, Somner 2, 1 pen.)
HEARTS (0) 2 (Bannon pen., Busby) 4,500
 Partick: Rough; Whittaker, McAdam, McInnon, Campbell, Marr, Park, Melrose, Somner, Love, Houston.
 Hearts: Brough; Brown, Fraser, McCall, Liddell, Jeffries (Tierney), Robertson (Gibson), Bannon, Busby, Craig, McQuade.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Fell, Parker)
OXFORD (0) 0 5,222
 Southend: Cawston; Dudley, Yates, Laverick (Abbott), Cusack, Hadley, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Polycarpou, Fell.
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, McGrogan, White, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
 Mansfield v Tranmere postponed.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (2) 4 (Lee, Edwards, Halford, Thompson)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 4,249
 Stockport: Rogan, Thorpe, Rutter, Thompson, Prudham, Edwards, Summerbee, Armstrong, Bradd, Loadwick, Lee (Halford).
 Hartlepool: Platt; Malone, Gorry, Smith (G), Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Hogan, Newton, Crumplin, Guy (Goldthorpe).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

U.E.F.A. CUP (First Round first-leg)

FINN HARPS (0) 0
EVERTON (2) 5 (Thomas, King 2, Latchford, Walsh)
 Finn: Mahon (Harper); McDowell, Hutton, O'Docherty, Sheridan, Healy, Logan, Minnock, McGuinness (Stephenson), Duffy, Ferry.
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons (Higgins), Wright, Nulty, King, Ross, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.

STANDARD LIEGE (1) 1 (Denier)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 (in Ghent) 18,000
 Liege: Preud'homme; Gerets, Plessers, Garot, Poel, Labarbe, Denier, Graf, Wellens, Sigurvinsson, Marechal (Onal).
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Kirkwood, Kopel, Robinson, Hegarty, Narey, Smith, Addison, Sturrock (Dodds), Holt, Payne (Frye).

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Quarter-Finals first-leg)

BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Ritchie)
ST. MIRRIN (1) 2 (Sharpe 2) 5,572
 Bristol C: Cashley; Sweeney, McNeil, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Whitehead (Cormack).
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Sharp, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Kindon)
CELTIC (0) 0 30,000
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Hall, Fletcher, Kindon, James.
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, Glavin, Doyle, Conroy, McAdam, Burns, McCluskey.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL 0
CHESTERFIELD 0 6,244
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Hockaday (Chandler), Ronson, Spence, Davidson, Wagstaffe.
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Tartt, Kowalski, Walker (Simpson), Salmons, Dearden.

BURY (1) 1 (Robins)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Perrin, Binney) 3,361
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan (Hatton), Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Bailey, Wilson, Farrell, Rowland, Robins, Taylor.
 Plymouth: Hodge; Hodges, Rogers, Brennan, Foster, Perrin, Megson, Taylor, Binney, Trusson, Johnson.

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Gough, Cook)
CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips) 2,311
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Wright (Sharkey), Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Rowles, Allinson.
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Stortor, Jeffries, Oakes, Delgado, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Phillips.

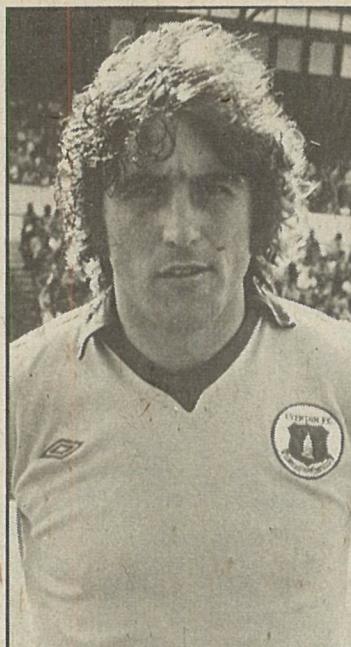
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
SHEFF. WED. (0) 0 5,835
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong (Walker), Overton, White, Crabbe, Hughes, Weatherley, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Mullen, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan (Nimmo), Johnson, Hornsby.

HULL (1) 4 (Edwards 2, Lord, Bannister)
WALSALL (0) 1 (McDonough) 6,784
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, McDonald, Horswill, Haigh, Hood, Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, King, Birch, Waddington, Austin, Buckley, McDonough.

PETERBOROUGH 0
CARLISLE 0 6,283
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Slough (Quow), McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, McDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.

SWANSEA (1) 4 (Charles 2, Curtis 2)
ROTHERHAM (3) 4 (Gwyther 3, Phillips) 17,065
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Bruton, Charles, Boersma, James (R) (Marustik), Curtis, Waddle, Moore.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

SWINDON (0) 2 (McHale, Bates)
BRENTFORD (0) 0 6,685



A goal by Bob Latchford helped Everton to beat Finn Harps in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

NORTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Frogatt 2, Reilly, Christie)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Ferguson) 3,442

Northampton: Jayes; Walker, Geidmintis, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Frogatt, Christie.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Nattress, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Probert, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

PORTSMOUTH 0
SCUNTHORPE 0 10,965
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper, Hemmerman, Lathan (Garwood), Davey, Barnard, Pullar.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore (Kavanagh), Wigg, Gibson, Pilling.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 13

EUROPEAN CUP

(First Round first-leg)

JUVENTUS (1) 1 (Virdis)
RANGERS (0) 0 60,000
 Juventus: Zoff; Cucureddu, Cabrini, Furino, Morini, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli, Virdis, Benetti (Fanna), Bettiga.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Jackson, MacDonald, Miller, Russell, Parlante, Smith, Watson.

LINFIELD 0
LILLESTROM 0 6,000
 Linfield: Barclay; Fraser, Garrett, Coyle, Rafferty, Dornan, Nixon, Jameson, Martin, Kirk, Murray.
 Lillestrom: Amundsen; Hammer, Birkelund, Kordahl, Berg, Gronlund, Hansen (L), Lonstad, Hansen (V), Lund, Tomteberget.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 2 (Birtles, Barrett)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 38,316
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott (Johnson), Souness.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

(First Round first-leg)

AZ 67 0
IPSWICH 0 18,000
 AZ 67: Meskovic; Arntz, Spelbos, Metgod, Van Rijsoever (Tol), Peters, Ressel, Van Hanegem, Kist, Nygaard (Hovenkamp), De Graaf.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Osman, Beattie, Tibbott, Talbot, Wark, Mills, Mariner, Whymark (Geddis), Woods.

MAREK STANKE DIMITROV (0) 3 (Petrov V., Petrov (I) 2)
ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Jarvie, Harper) 20,000
 Marek: Stoyanov; Sevdin, Kolev, Karakolev, Palev, Rainov, Pargov, Tomov, Petrov (I), Venitslav, Petrov (V).
 Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Rouvrie, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper, Archibald, Scanlon.

BEVEREN (2) 3 (Albert, Stevens, Schoenberger pen.)
BALLYMENA (0) 0 17,000
 Beveren: Pfaff; Jaspers, Buyl, Van Genechten, Baecke, Schoenberger, Hofkens, Cluytens, Stevens, Albert, Janssens.
 Ballymena: Brown; Donald, McCulloch, Jackson, Butcher, Sloan, Simpson, McQuiston, Mullan, McLean, Shaw.

RIJEKA (2) 3 (Tomic, Durkalic, Cukrov)
WREXHAM (0) 0 9,000
 Rijeka: Auramovic (Ravnic); Makin, Hristic, Cukrov, Radin, Juricic, Durkalic, Fegic (Bursdc), Tomic, Ruzik, Desnica.
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Whittle, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil (Williams), Lyons, Cartwright.

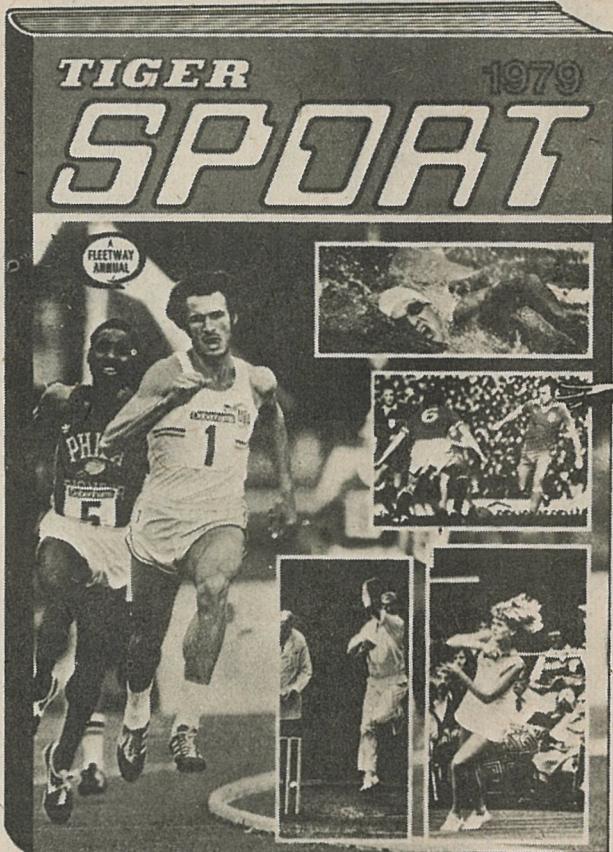
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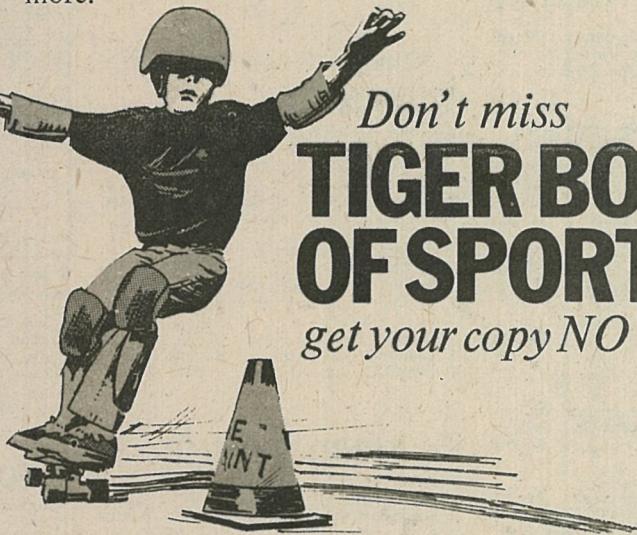
ARSENAL (0) 3 (Stapleton 2, Sunderland)
LOKOMOTIVE LEIPZIG (0) 0 34,233
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, Watson, Young, Brady (Gatting), Sunderland, Stapleton, Harvey (Heeley), Rix.
 Leipzig: Stotzner; Sekora (Roth), Hammer, Grobner, Fritsche, Altmann, Moldt, Liebers, Kinne, Lowe (Eichhorn), Kuhn.

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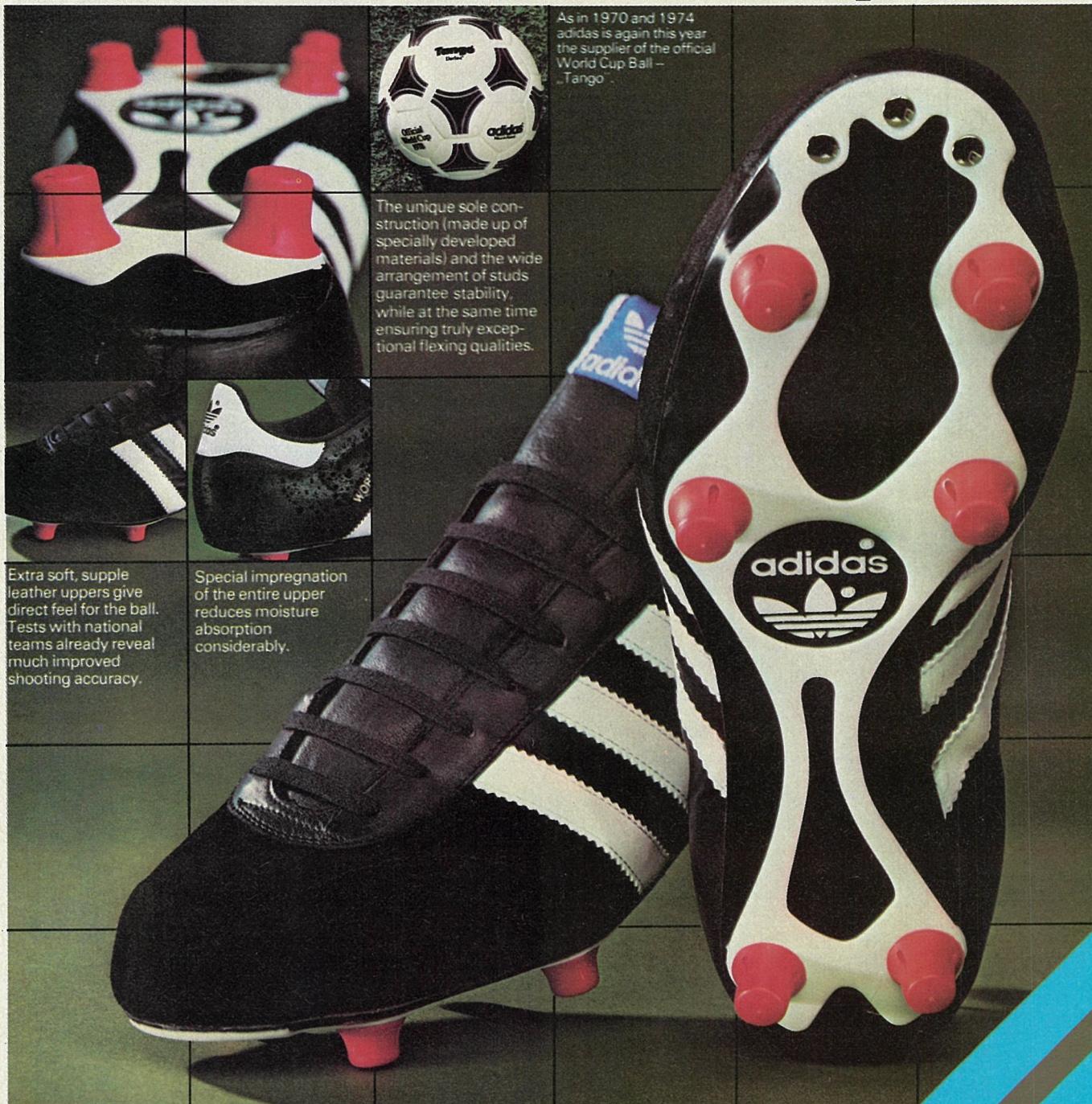
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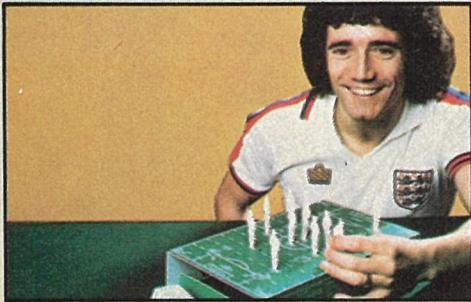
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DAVID'S CROSS ABOUT JOINING WEST HAM— HE WISHES HE'D GONE TO UPTON PARK SOONER

DAVID Cross has only one regret about signing for West Ham last December.

The big striker is sorry he did not make the move much sooner.

Cross, in fact, did have the chance to join The Hammers 12 months earlier.

But he turned them down because he did not fancy living in London and went to West Bromwich Albion instead.

The Hammers persisted, however, and finally got their man for £180,000 shortly before Christmas last year.

"It's been a great move for me," says Cross. "I like West Ham, I like the area I'm living in and I really wish I'd decided to come sooner."

"I'm certainly a lucky lad to get two bites at the cherry and I'm really pleased West Ham maintained their interest in me."

"But having said that I'm glad I went to West Brom for a spell. It was a valuable experience for me, because I learned so much from player-manager Johnny Giles."

"Johnny is one of the most knowledgeable men in the game and I feel I improved a lot during the time I played for him."

Cross began his career with Rochdale, before moving on to Norwich during Ron Saunders' reign as manager at Carrow Road.

Shortly before Saunders quit the club he sold Cross to Coventry. Then it was on to West Brom, before joining West Ham.

Relegation

The only sour note of his stay at Upton Park so far has been the relegation to the Second Division at the end of last season.

That ended West Ham's reign of 20 years in the top flight — and the big drop hurt everyone at the club.

"None of us liked the idea of going down and we were all determined to get back up without any delay," he explained.

"We had a long think during the summer and decided a change of attitude was necessary if we were to battle our way out of the Second Division."

"We decided the days of West Ham being regarded as a 'soft touch' were over."

"The quality of our football has won us friends all over the place. But all too often we have finished up losing after playing well."

"We all agreed it was more important to win points than to win friends and I believe we will be a lot harder to beat now."

Cross's theory seemed to be proved when The Hammers made a cracking start to the season, collecting five points from their first three games.

One of those was at Crystal Palace, where they were under



pressure for almost the whole game and showed their new fighting qualities to earn a 1-1 draw.

Then they slumped to shock home defeats against Swindon, in the League Cup, and Fulham in the space of four days and it seemed they were back in their old ways.

An injury that robbed them of England midfield man Trevor Brooking early on did not help their cause.

But Cross readily admits they should have been able to shake off this blow better than they did.

"Trevor is a truly great player and any team would miss one of his class," says Cross.

"But we are all professional footballers — so we should be in a position to cushion his absence to a certain degree."

"We had a good talk-in after those two setbacks and hopefully we have solved our problems."

We hope The Hammers have, too. For they have consistently provided great entertainment and high quality football — whatever their results or League position.

More teams — thankfully — are now copying the free-flowing style West Ham have shown for years. It's a style that deserves to be displayed in the First Division — so let's hope the East Enders soon climb back up there... and Cross gets a hatful of goals to help achieve it.

"THINGS didn't exactly go well for me at West Ham," said ex-Arsenal and England striker John Radford as he talked about his £25,000 February move to Blackburn Rovers.

"I didn't score a goal, and suffered a bad hamstring injury," he explains. "I was fighting a fitness battle for a few comeback games and just when I thought I was putting my game together again, I broke my jaw."

"I knew team-boss, John Lyall, wasn't going to put up with me being sidelined any longer. We had a chat and agreed he'd have to go out and buy somebody. So he got Dave Cross from West Brom and, of course, he'd just signed Derek Hales."

"As I was approaching fitness again in stepped the then Blackburn boss, Jim Smith. We started having talks and I thought, rather than trying to win my place back when things hadn't gone well at Upton Park then it would be better to move."

"I was quite impressed with Smith as a person, but when you've been living in London for a long time you get the impression Blackburn's a mill town, and that was the only thing that held the transfer up."

"My wife was dubious, but when we came to have a look we found some nice country. We've settled in a bungalow in Pleasington, which is right in the middle of nowhere and it's great. I'm really loving it."

Besides blending in with the countryside, John is also fitting in well at Rovers.

"Before I came I don't think they had a recognised striker," he says. "They had Gordon Taylor and Dave Wagstaffe and they had to

keep the ball without ever crossing it or hitting long balls to the front. It was a case of playing it about at the back and gradually working through."

"We've had to change the style of play because I'm up there to get the ball as quickly as possible, and I like crosses. The lads are having to hit more long balls and it seems strange to them at the moment."

"We're trying to strike a happy medium where we can still play it about when it's on and hit the long balls when that's on varying the play more."

New manager, Jim Iley, who took over when Jim Smith left for Birmingham, is basically a quiet man. He keeps most things to himself. I think the players are still feeling their way with him and vice versa.

"Before the season started I thought Rovers had an excellent chance of doing something this term, but we had a bad result against Preston where we lost 4-1. We've just got to get it out of our system and start winning."

"All we need is a couple of wins to gain confidence. Heads have dropped and I think a good win will do the trick."

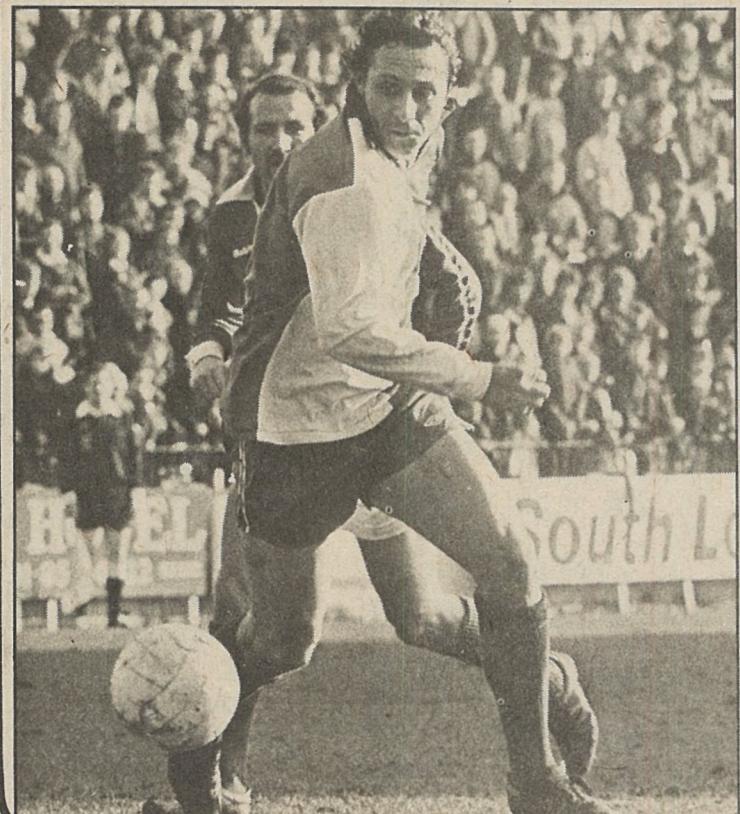
At 31 where is John's own personal aim?

"I look at the younger players," he says, "and to be quite honest I don't think there's a great deal coming through."

"Peter Barnes is a good player and there are one or two others about. I don't see any reason why I shouldn't go on for a couple of years."

"It would be nice to get back in the First Division, probably with Blackburn Rovers, and then maybe call it a day."

Raddie Of The Rovers



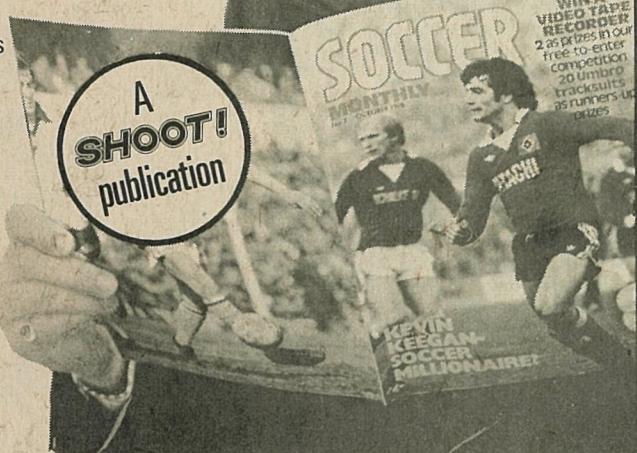
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NO REGRETS from Peter Withe

NEWCASTLE United have a tradition for building their hopes and their teams around strong, aggressive and dominant centre-forwards. Names like Jackie Milburn, Wyn Davies and Malcolm Macdonald immediately spring to mind.

Hardly surprising, then, that of all Bill McGarry's recent signings, the one which excited the St. James' Park fans most of all was Peter Withe's arrival from reigning League Champions Nottingham Forest.

Withe, 27, six feet three inches tall and tipping the scales at just over 12 stones, is clearly the player around whom McGarry intends building his new Newcastle.

Not only is Withe physically brave and strong, but his aerial



BRIAN CLOUGH

power upsets the best defenders in the League and his favourite left-foot is deceptively powerful and accurate.

More important, after years of wandering from club to club, country to country in search of self-confidence and his true form, Withe, armed with a League

Championship medal and a League Cup winner's tankard, is at last an established force in the modern English game.

Of his two incredibly successful seasons with Forest, Withe says: "When Brian Clough signed me from Birmingham I was a £40,000 player. When I joined Newcastle, I cost them £200,000. That sums up what the man did for my career.

"He is one of the top managers in our game. His record speaks for itself. He is not always easy to please. But perfectionists rarely are.

"I do miss the lads at Forest. We shared two amazing seasons. But the time came for me to move on, and I believe I have joined the right club. I would love to play Forest in the First Division next season."

Withe's 28 goals during his 73 League appearances for Forest played a major part in the club's dramatic rise out of the Second Division. And his ability as a target player proved the key to Tony Woodcock's sudden burst on to the scene.

Withe says: "Now I hope to do the same job for United. Bill McGarry wants me to play my natural game, so I expect things to work out well.

"Newcastle is still a big club with big ambitions. This can be seen by the way they back our manager's brave team-building. He is not afraid to go out and get the players he wants and United are not afraid to back his judgment. That gives everyone a feeling of confidence.

"I know the Newcastle supporters have gone through a dis-

pointing time. But relegation is not the end of the world. Sometimes a team needs to go down to rebuild and begin another era. Look at Manchester United, Spurs, Wolves . . . and Forest."

Withe knows all about new beginnings. This is his eighth! The Liverpool-born striker began his career with Southport and moved to Barrow after three League appearances but no goals.

Barrow gave him one League outing — it was also goalless — before Withe drifted away to play for Arcadia Shepherds in South Africa. There, he was spotted by Derek Dougan and brought back to Wolves where there were high hopes he would be groomed to succeed the retiring "Doog".

But despite three goals in his 12 League outings for Wolves, Withe moved again, this time down the road to Birmingham City. After 35 games and nine League goals, he joined Portland Timbers in the United States. And there the goals began to flow.

Withe says: "Newcastle have the ability to make a quick return to the First Division. There is no doubt about that. But just as players need time to adjust when they join a new club, so do teams need a little time to adjust to a new Division.

"Just give us a while to get the measure of the Second Division. Then judge what we can do.

"I feel I have become part of a great tradition. The club has won nearly everything in its history. Yet nobody lives in the past. It is all about the future now, and I want to earn the right to be talked about



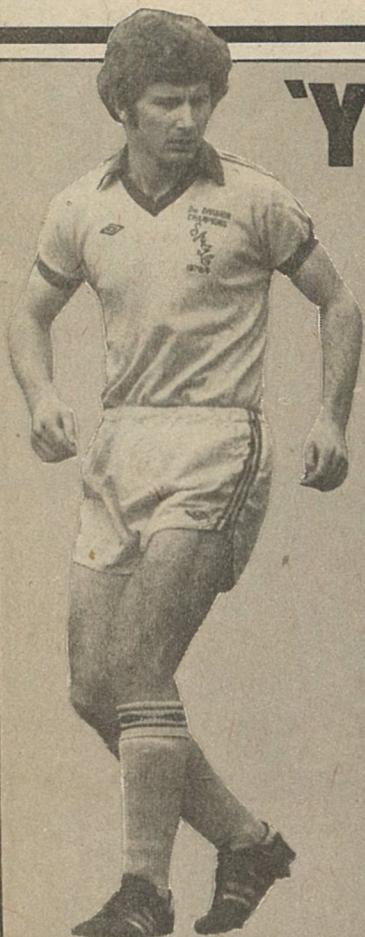
in the same breath as those famous Newcastle number nines of recent years.

"United have shown confidence in me. I want to return that confidence — quickly.

"It is far too early to make predictions about going up. And we did receive a nasty jolt when we lost 2-1 at Watford in the League Cup after leading 1-0 at half-time and looking the better team for an hour.

"But you learn from every game. And while disappointed, we also accept we have a long League programme which must be taken one game at a time. I want to play in every one and help United back to their rightful place."

'YOUNG DOC' BOUNCES BACK



DURING his spell of 21 months in the North-East, Sunderland's Mike Docherty has experienced cheers and controversy at Roker. But to a man who was once out of the game for two years with an injury, and was told by a specialist he had less than a 50-50 chance of playing again, the ups and downs of football are something Mike takes in his stride.

Docherty was born in Preston, and as an apprentice, went to Chelsea, which was managed at that time by his colourful father, Tommy Docherty. Then at 16, Mike moved on to Burnley, with his father anxious not to be accused of favouritism, and the youngster was promoted to the first team at 17.

Says Mike: "After five years at Turf Moor, I got a knee injury and heard my chances of a full recovery were slim — and my inactivity over the next couple of seasons was the worst period of my life."

But 'Docherty did come back, was transferred to Manchester City, and after nine months at Maine Road, his former Burnley boss Jimmy Adamson took him to Sunderland, in December, 1976.

"Since then I've been dropped, been a target for the fans, and had

a change of position. But I was appointed captain early in September, am enjoying my football and I've silenced some of my critics."

It was a positional switch which was responsible for Mike regaining a spot in the Sunderland side following a period when he had dropped out of favour.

"The team had had a bad patch at the start of the season after being relegated, and the crowd were critical of the ex-Burnley men in the side — Colin Waldron, Doug Collins and myself. I was dropped out of the team for weeks, had only a few months of my contract to run and little prospect of signing for Sunderland," recalls Docherty.

"But I was brought back as a sweeper at Blackburn last Boxing Day, then was moved to midfield for the next game, at Burnley. Nobody scored, and since then I haven't been out of the side.

"I had always enjoyed playing at full-back, but midfield was a new experience. I look upon myself as a ball-winner who likes to score goals, and I am learning all the time."

As someone who played First Division soccer with Burnley, Mike is emphatic about the difference to

be found between the top class and Division Two.

He says: "When I came to Roker, I sampled First Division stuff with Sunderland before we were relegated, including the match at Everton where we needed only a point to stay up. And my opinion is in the Second Division it is a physical bundle for much of the time, involving plenty of hard running — there is more skill in the First."

"The more physical demands of the Second Division were something our young players found it difficult to adjust to, but we could do better this season if we don't fall away in the early part and our manager Jimmy Adamson gets the men he is trying to sign."

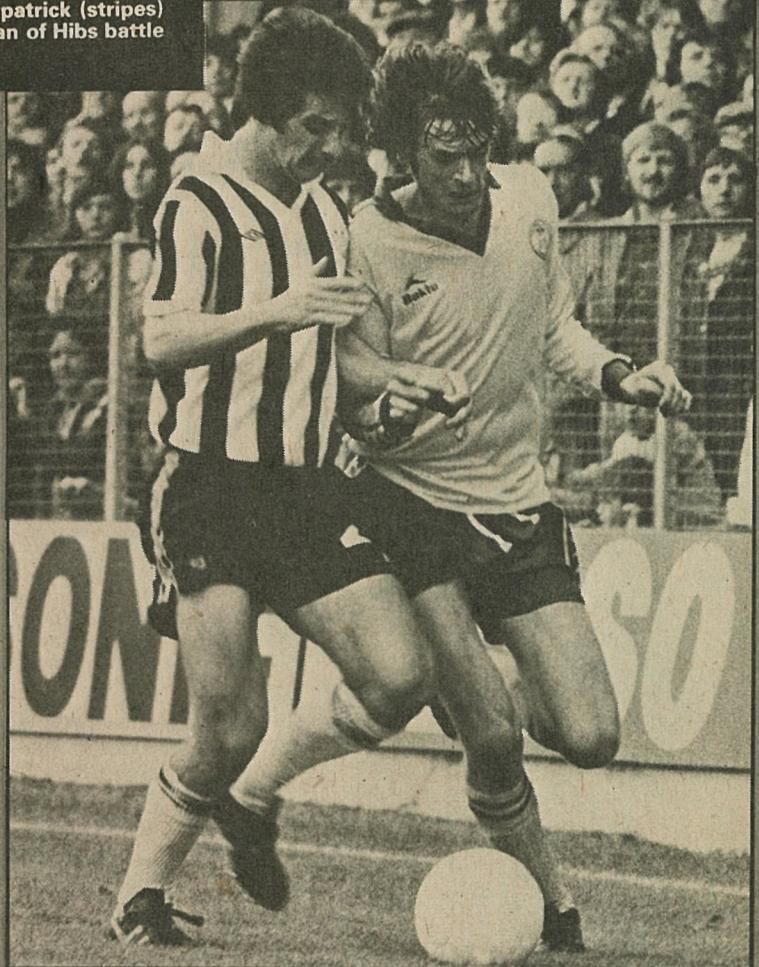
"There are no outstanding teams in the Second this term, and along with Sunderland I think Stoke, Brighton and Palace are those who will push for promotion. If we show consistency I know our fans will be there."

Along with his resiliency, the ability to bounce back, the "Young Doc" has his own philosophy: "I believe in being mentally and physically fit, and have a lot of capacity for hard work. This is what you must have to get out of the Second Division."

ONE AGAINST ONE...

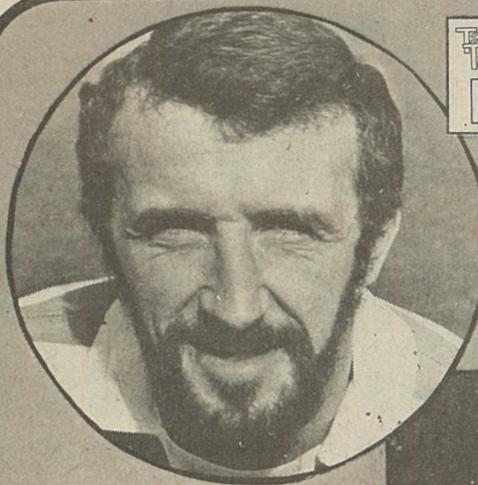


ABOVE ... Rangers' Tommy McLean swerves and sends Forfar's Archie Knox the wrong way during a Scottish League Cup-tie. BELOW, LEFT ... Malcolm Robertson (right) of Hearts tries to lose the tight-marking Jackie Campbell of Partick. BELOW, RIGHT ... St. Mirren's Tony Fitzpatrick (stripes) and Ralph Callachan of Hibs battle for the ball.



Tartan Talk DANNY McGRAIN

'Youngsters Who Will Bring Glory To Scotland'



WHATEVER the current worries of the Scottish international team, days of glory must surely lie ahead.

That is the message to anyone who cares to cast an eye over our top Divisions, proving yet again that when it comes to young football talent, Scotland has a better youth policy than Mothercare.

Eamon Bannon of Hearts, Billy Thomson of St Mirren, Murdo McLeod of Dumbarton, Celtic's own Alan Sneddon and George McCluskey... the seemingly endless list of Under-21 caps will all play at full international level one day.

My Parkhead team-mate Roy Aitken and St. Mirren's Tony Fitzpatrick have already won promotion and when you remember that names like Tommy Burns, Frank McGarvey and Bobby Russell would all have qualified for the old style Under-23 age level you see what I am getting at.

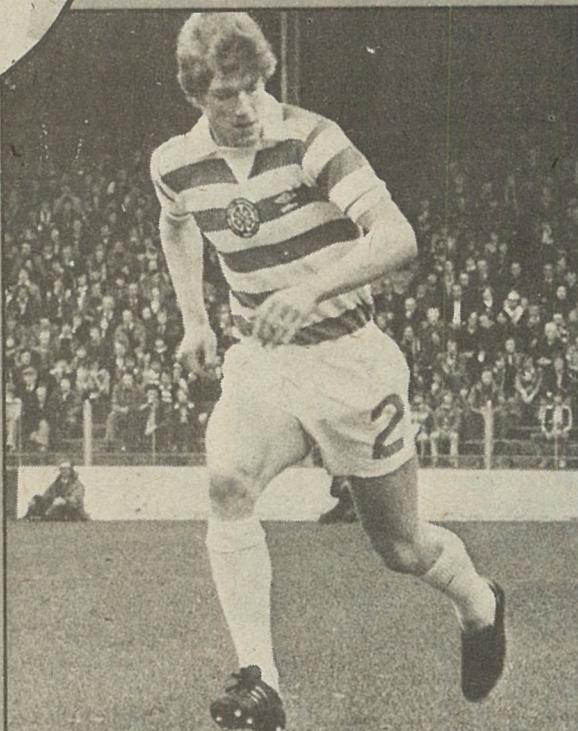
It is almost unbelievable that a nation of only five million can continue to supply the world of soccer with so much talent. There seems to be a never-ending stream of David Nareys, Paul Sturrocks and Graeme Paynes.

It means nothing but good for the game of course, but just why is it that these days there are so many youngsters about?

Look for example at Coventry City's Gary Gillespie who was captain of Falkirk at 17 and now, only six months and a £65,000 transfer later is a stalwart of the English First Division club's defence.

Nowadays they seem to mature quicker and thus are given their first team chance earlier. When I was their age big team soccer at 18 or 19 was almost unthinkable.

It took someone like Kenny Dalglish to break through at 19 and I



Young Alan Sneddon stepped into Celtic's first team and came up a winner.

was 20 when I made my debut, 21 before I was a regular.

And just look at the reserve side Celtic had at the time. Apart from Kenny and I there was Vic Davidson, Davie Hay, John Gorman and Paul Wilson.

The babes rush is due to several things, but most of all, I think, to the increase in organised football at a younger level. No matter what the age of lads now — from eight to 18 — and no matter the standard of their play, it is easy for them to find a team.

That is a great thing, because everyone should be given the chance to play the greatest sport in the world. And of course if you have serious ambitions, it is important to take that chance.

Just as Alan Sneddon, now an Under-21 cap, did for Celtic when a

guy called McGrain had to call off in a few matches because of injury.

Alan stepped into the first team at a time when it was very difficult to do so because Celts were losing... and he came up a winner.

He faced the full facts of football life right in the face and showed the world that youth certainly does not mean immaturity.

Of course I have been having a taste of reserve football myself recently, although it is a completely different experience from what it was a few years ago.

I guess it is because I am a bit of a known face nowadays, but one way or another the stick I have been taking in the stiffs is unbelievable.

At reserve games there are rarely more than 200 fans in the ground and when you are playing

you can hear every individual comment, which of course is lost in an ocean of 60,000 at Parkhead.

Maybe it is because they know I can take it, but some of these terracing worthies have been giving me a lot of abuse lately... and I have heard every word.

In fact at some of these reserve matches you can even hear fans opening a bag of crisps!

The Marie Celeste was busier than some of the grounds. At one recent match I stopped counting the crowd at 85 when the ball broke my way! Some day there will be only one guy in the stand and at the end the players will turn round and applaud him.

On a more serious crowd subject, it was tragic to see the trouble at our Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie against Burnley at Turf Moor and I am making no excuses for anyone. In a recent SHOOT column I made my opinions on football yobs clear.

But at Burnley I think the police could have been a little stronger in their control of the 'no man's land' between the rival fans. It looked to me as if there were only one or two officers in the place where any trouble was likely to erupt.

In fact I think the most serious victim of the police efforts was our full-back Alan Sneddon, who was bitten on the leg by a police dog. I am told the dog will be all right!

Finally, I would like to answer some criticism directed at me in letters published in SHOOT for my comments in a national newspaper, which were extracts from my book which will be published in November.

The writers particularly took offence to my description of Kenny Dalglish as four times the player Kevin Keegan is. I still stand by that of course, but I don't mean any offence to anyone.

It is after all only my personal opinion and everyone is entitled to that. I'm sorry if you don't see it that way... we'll just have to agree to differ!

No doubt we'll be falling out again in a fortnight's time...

Best wishes and no hard feelings!

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
DEREK JOHNSTONE

NOBBY



SOCER is the biggest spectator sport in the world and one of the main attractions of the great game is certainly the unpredictable factor. A team of all stars can take on a little known, unheralded side of amateurs and after 90 minutes the outcome can be a victory for the men a lot of "experts" thought shouldn't have bothered even turning up!

That's the magic of soccer. Out on the field anything can happen. And it usually does. Look at the scenes North of the border this season, for a start ...

Champions Rangers started the term in their usual battering ram style when they won the Tennent Caledonian Cup at Ibrox. The triple winners dismissed Hearts with a 3-1 victory and a day later thrashed Southampton 4-1 to give John Greig a trophy after only two matches in charge of the side.

The critics were agreed Rangers looked good enough to equal their feats of last season ... then the roof caved in! St. Mirren, guided in their first competitive match by Jim Clunie, went to Ibrox for the opening League match of the season and left with a 1-0 triumph.

Rangers threatened to come roaring back. Instead they were

SUPER CELTIC... ROCKY RANGERS

just two of the sensational shocks and surprises in Scotland so far this season

held to two successive goalless draws by Hibs and Partick Thistle and it took them until their fourth game to notch their first League goal of the season. That came against Celtic, but there was very little celebration — the Parkhead men put three past Peter McCloy at the other end.

Four days after that match Rangers went to Turin to face the glittering skills of multi-talented



Prior to the start of the season, Rangers captured the Tennent Caledonian trophy (main picture) but John Greig's men have since slumped dramatically in the Premier Division. Davie Provan (left) cost Celtic £120,000 from Kilmarnock.

Juventus in the European Cup. The Italians were looking for possibly a two or a three goal lead and a lot of Scottish critics admitted ruefully they might get it.

Rangers, determined to atone for recent lapses in the European front, lost by only one goal — scored by £1½ million striker Virdis — and even the Italians admitted afterwards they were amazed by the composure demonstrated by Greig's men.

Three days later it was back to League business for Rangers as they chased their first victory ... and again they were on the receiving end of a shock.

They were awarded a penalty-kick in the first-half and Alex Forsyth, a surprise loan signing from Manchester United, blasted the ball into the net.



Motherwell's recent signing from Aston Villa John Capaldi.

There were only seconds remaining of the match and the score remained the same. It looked as though Rangers had opened their League winning account. But with the fans shouting for the referee to blow his whistle, substitute Gordon Strachan curled a delicate cross into the penalty-area and Dominic Sullivan launched himself at the ball, made perfect contact and his effort simply raged past the bewildered and beaten Peter McCloy.

Across Glasgow at Parkhead, Celtic have provided their own shocks by rising from the ashes of last season's flop to become a formidable force once again. Billy McNeill paid out a record Celtic fee of £120,000 for Kilmarnock's exciting touchline terror Davie Provan and McNeill firmly believes he has a player who can bring back the sparkle Jimmy Johnstone displayed on the right flank at Parkhead.

Celtic should know all about the ability of Under-21 international star Provan. They felt his power last season when they were sensationally beaten by First Division Kilmarnock in the Scottish Cup.

Provan teased and tortured the Parkhead rearguard in the first game in Glasgow and his side were only seven minutes away from victory when Roddie MacDonald joined the attack to blast

an unstoppable equaliser past Jim Stewart, now, of course, starring for Middlesbrough.

The replay at Rugby Park was just a stay of execution for Celtic. Peter Latchford was their hero with a string of superb saves, but, near the end, even he had to admit defeat when the Provan-inspired Kilmarnock got the only goal of the game through a whizz bang effort from Derrick McDicken.

Now McNeill is hoping Provan can display that repertoire of trickery for Celtic. Another Celt pleasantly surprising the Parkhead fans is Alfie Conn, now fully recovered from injury and performing some wonderful things in the firing line.

Motherwell have been a shock squad this season as they have struggled to find rhythm under



Aberdeen's Willie Garner (above) was carried off with a broken leg against Marek Dimitrov. Hibs (right, light shorts) in action v. Norkopping.

manager Roger Hynd. The Fir Park club have been linked with just about every player in the country as Hynd tries to strengthen his squad.

John Duncan (Derby), Sandy Jardine and Kenny Watson (both Rangers), Frank McGarvey and Tony Fitzpatrick (both St. Mirren) and Walker McCall and Gordon Crammond (both Ayr) are just seven of the players he has tried to sign and failed.

On the other hand, though, he persuaded Dave Latchford to leave Birmingham in the close season to take his goalkeeping talents to Fir Park and he paid out £75,000 to Newcastle for ex-Clydebank raider Mike Larnach. He also parted with £15,000 for Aston Villa's young Scot John Capaldi and then he splashed out another £60,000 for Celtic's former international left-winger Paul Wilson. On top of that, he had already given Clyde £30,000 to defender Jim Boyd.

Well, you can't say Hynd hasn't been busy in the transfer market! The results, though, have hardly been going all their way since the start of the season. In fact, they were almost dumped out of the

League Cup by part-time Clyde.

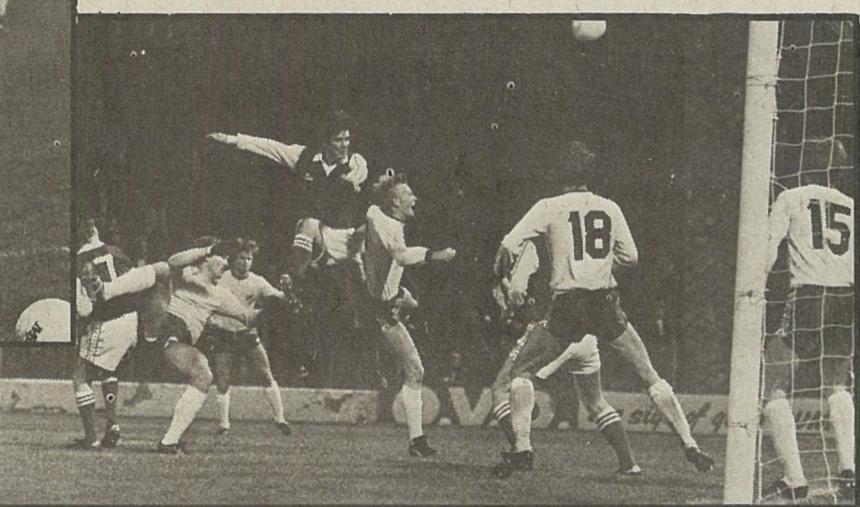
They lost 3-1 at Shawfield where Clyde scored with two penalty-kicks, but in the return they hammered three past veteran goalkeeper John Arrol to just scrape into the next round.

Another manager busy in the transfer market is Jim Clunie, of St. Mirren. He must spend at least three days of the week telling English clubs he has no intention of selling either Frank McGarvey or Tony Fitzpatrick!

Clunie himself went into action to part with £55,000 for Partick Thistle's RESERVE goalkeeper Billy Thomson, the youngster who has been in the shadow of Alan Rough for the past three years.

The St. Mirren manager later admitted he had never seen Thomson play! "So many people told me about his ability I knew they couldn't all be wrong," says Clunie. "Now, having watched the boy, I am delighted by the signing. He is definitely one for the future."

Firhill boss Bertie Auld was sorry to see Thomson go and tried to buy former Scotland 'keeper Ernie McGarr from Cowdenbeath, but



the former Aberdeen star went, instead, to Airdrie.

Auld had more luck, though, when he went for Hearts' midfield dynamo Donald Park. He signed him in a straight swap with John Craig and Denis McQuade going to Tynecastle.

Brian Whittaker, the club's Under-21 left-back, had been the subject of a £100,000 bid by Rangers at the start of the season, but Auld turned this down. However, after Thistle had gone out of the League Cup to Second Division side Falkirk, Whittaker asked for a transfer!

The timing could have been better ... it was Whittaker who missed the vital penalty-kick to send Thistle out of the trophy!

Hibs became soccer shockers when they played Celtic at Parkhead in the League and won 1-0 — and were then blasted by angry Billy McNeill, who hit out at their tactics.

"That's not what I call entertainment," said McNeill. "They'll drive the fans off the terracings with defensive tactics like that."

Easter Road manager Eddie Turnbull countered: "I had to play

to my team's strengths. I had a lot of injury worries. Most of my fit players were defenders!"

Only three days before that game Hibs had been startled in their U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Sweden's Norkopping in Edinburgh. Hibs were coasting along with a 2-0 lead when the Swedes scored twice in two minutes to equalise. A late goal from Tony Higgins eventually gave them a slender first-leg victory.

Aberdeen were shocked in their Cup-Winners' Cup-tie against Bulgaria's Marek Dimitrov when they had centre-back Willie Garner carried off with a broken leg.

Unfortunately, there were shocks OFF the field, too. Yes, we're talking about crowd violence.

Hearts were fined £1,000 by the SFA after one of their fans had raced on to the pitch during the Edinburgh derby with Hibs. The referee had ordered off two Tynecastle players, Donald Park and skipper Jim Jefferies, and the fan obviously did not agree!

And the Celtic fans who went on the rampage during the side's 1-0

Anglo-Scottish Cup defeat in Burnley were slammed by the club who said they want nothing to do with these so-called 'supporters'.

On the international front, Scotland nearly created the shock of the century by almost drawing with Austria in Vienna after giving them a three-goal lead in their European Championship match.

Pezzey, Schaefer and Kruez all left Alan Rough looking on helplessly with a variety of efforts and it looked as though Scotland were in for a hammering of a lifetime.

Amazingly, the team came off the ropes, scored two headed goals through Gordon McQueen and Andy Gray and had two good opportunities near the end to get an incredible share of the points. Another sensation was to follow a week later when Scotland boss Ally MacLeod announced his resignation and took over as manager of his old club Ayr United.

That, then, is the list of surprises and shocks for Scottish fans only two months into the season.

Who said soccer was getting too predictable?

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time



1. Steve Harrison recently returned from America and signed for which Third Division club?

2. Another player transferred during September was Ken Beamish who moved from Port Vale to Bournemouth, Bradford City or Bury?

3. Study the action photograph (below), taken this season, between Arsenal and Bolton Wanderers and see if you can answer the following questions. (a) Can you identify the Bolton player on the ball in white, (b) where was the game played and (c) what was the final score?



4. 18-year-old Terry Youell was in the news recently when he helped Aylesbury beat Harpenden 17-0 in an F.A. Youth Cup-tie. Why?

5. Birmingham City paid around £250,000 for Argentinian World Cup star Alberto Tarantini, providing he gets clearance to play. Which position — full-back, midfield or striker — does he normally play?

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

European Championship games were played on Wednesday, September 20th. Answer the questions listed about the tournament.

6. The two Irelands met for the very first time in a full international. Did it finish 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2?

7. (a) How did the scoring go in Scotland's 3-2 defeat by Austria and (b) who played in goal for Ally MacLeod's men?

8. True or false? Wales gained a fine 2-0 win in Turkey on the same evening.

9. Name the next opponents of (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland.

10. England travelled to Copenhagen and beat Denmark 4-3. Kevin Keegan (above, right), scored two goals with fine headers . . . who grabbed the other two?



ANSWERS:
 1. Watford. 2. Bury. 3. (a) Willie Morgan, (b) Highbury, home of Arsenal. 4. He scored ten goals in the game. 5. Full-back. 6. 0-0. 7. (a) 1-0, 2-0, 3-0 to Austria and then Scotland pulled two back. 8. Alan Rough. 9. False — Wales did not play their night. 10. Bob Latchford and Phil Neal.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (1) Love. (3) Chapel. (7) Joe. (8) Yellow. (10) Alan. (12) Lit. (13) Black. (14) Real. (16) Elect. (17) Away. (19) Eel. (21) Be. (22) Carts. (24) Do. (25) Err. (27) Hut. (29) Torso. (32) Road. (34) None. (35) Go. (36) Eleven.

DOWN:— (1) Layer. (2) Villa. (3) Cow. (4) He. (5) Palace. (6) Link. (7) Jot. (9) Lilac. (10) Ale. (11) Acted. (13) Blyth. (15) Everton. (16) Ear. (18) Wars. (20) London. (21) Be. (23) Surge. (26) Ron. (28) To. (30) Red. (31) One. (33) Age.

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BIG MATCH

CROSS TALK

SWINDELEHURST: Hope you've recovered from your bout of 'flu. We were taking as much interest in your health as your club doctor. We'd been looking for your result at Stoke because of its importance to the leadership of the Second Division. Then we heard it was off, of course. Just mind you don't catch a cold against us.

WARD: Seeing as we haven't beaten you since we won both League encounters three seasons ago, that would hardly be a surprise. Another seven games have gone by since then and it's about time we had another victory.

SWINDELEHURST: It's true we've had the edge in the last two seasons and it all goes back to that time you beat us 2-0 at your place in the 1975-76 season. I believe Sammy Morgan got both goals. We had a lot of our supporters down that night, it was a really emotional occasion and we felt so bad in the dressing-room afterwards we decided we'd never let that happen against Brighton again.

WARD: At least we managed to share the points in both games last season and as this game is at Palace, we'll settle for another draw. Talking of the 'flu, there's no chance of Jim Cannon going down with it is there? I don't seem to do too well against him.

SWINDELEHURST: I've noticed that. I've always rated you as a terrific player, Peter, but Jim seems to have your card marked. Maybe you don't fancy our man-to-man marking system too much.

WARD: Despite the fact we've had a poor record against you recently, we still look forward to our meetings with Palace. We're isolated down here on the South Coast so we regard our matches with you as derby games. I know all the other players get keyed up and our boss Alan Mullery wants to beat you more than anyone else. The fact he used to play with your gaffer adds to the rivalry, too.

SWINDELEHURST: Yes, there's no lack of atmosphere when we get together is there? I'm really looking forward to this one, as well, and we should get another crowd of around 30,000. We both seem to do well with gates.

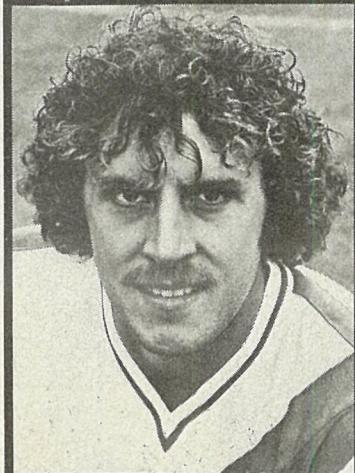
WARD: I've got a lot of respect for your manager Terry Venables and your team and I must say I fancy you for promotion this time. I think you have a lot of good youngsters coming through and the forward line looks even better now that you've signed Mike Elwiss.

SWINDELEHURST: I think we would have made a stronger bid for promotion last term if we hadn't lost Ian Evans with a broken leg so early in the season. But it must have been really frustrating for you, missing Division One on goal difference. Have you got over that now?

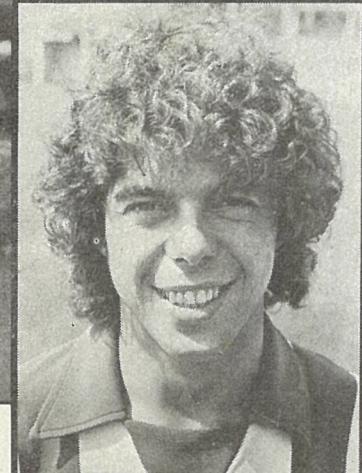
WARD: Yes, we got that out of our systems in the summer. We went on holiday to Spain and got drunk. I honestly felt we'd made it until that final day of the season.

CRYSTAL PALACE v. BRIGHTON

(Saturday, October 7th)



Palace's Billy Gilbert beats Teddy Maybank of Brighton to the ball during last term's 0-0 meeting at Selhurst Park.



'We've had the edge in the last two seasons'
DAVID SWINDELEHURST
(Crystal Palace)

Spurs needed a point at Southampton to beat us and I was sure they were going to get it. Earlier in the season I wouldn't have fancied their chances but at that stage, I couldn't see them missing out.

SWINDELEHURST: We were talking earlier about your clashes with Jim Cannon but Andy Rollings always

seems to play well against me, too. Is he still in as good shape as ever?

WARD: He seems to be. I just wish I could find some better form myself. I'm not playing badly but I haven't hit my best this season yet. The only one in our side who's really in top gear is Mark Lawrenson. He's easily the best sweeper in the Second Division and I doubt if there are many in the First much better than him.

SWINDELEHURST: We have a number of young players who have benefited from the experiences of last season and if anything, they're playing better already. I think we are much more solid this time. Apart from ourselves and Brighton, of course, I fancy West Ham, Blackburn and Newcastle. How about you?

WARD: I had a look at the teams before the season started and I reckoned Stoke, Burnley, West Ham, Sunderland and possibly

'As we're away, I'll settle for another draw'
PETER WARD
(Brighton)

Newcastle. Plus Palace and ourselves.

SWINDELEHURST: Well, we seem to agree on West Ham and our own two teams but I've a feeling we might fall out if I suggest we'll beat you on Saturday.

WARD: Dead right, David. As I say, seeing as we're away from home and you're not a bad bunch of lads, we'll settle for a draw.

FOCUS ON FRANK WORTHINGTON BOLTON

FULL NAME: Frank Stuart

Worthington

BIRTHPLACE: Shelf, near Halifax

BIRTHDATE: 23rd November, 1948

HEIGHT: 6ft 0½in

WEIGHT: 12st 8lb

PREVIOUS CLUBS: The Playboy,

Tramps and Sandpiper

(Manchester). Seriously,

Huddersfield and Leicester

MARRIED: Used to be

CHILDREN: Frank junior age 5

and Kim-Malone age 4

CAR: Triumph Dolomite

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Tennis star Ilie Nastase

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Bolton market's half-holiday second eleven

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

The Taxman

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Bulgaria v. England in Sofia, 1974 and scoring the only and winning goal in the same match

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing against Bradford City in a practice match

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Not getting the lead part in the television series, The Incredible Hulk

BEST COUNTRY VISITED:

America, Barbados, Sweden and

Norway

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak, lobster and bacon butties

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Birdwatching and browsing around hardware shops

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: A certain dishonourable board of directors

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Best Sellers, especially 79 Park Avenue

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elvis Presley and The Singing Postman. Remember "Have You Gotta Light Boy"?

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Elvis, Bill Maynard and Robert Mitchum

BEST FRIEND: The Earl of Openshaw, Cliff Harrop, Dave Lister and Chuck Gledhill

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The late Eric Worthington, Elvis

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: There isn't one.

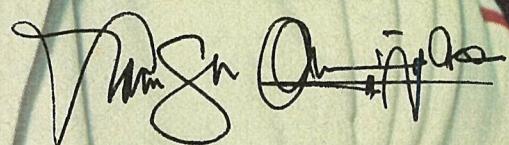
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Under-23 and eight full caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To get rich — own a ranch with five horses

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in America and for England again

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? An engineer

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Elvis's widow — Priscilla



SHOOT!